Stourbridge
CHRONICLE

Thursday, October 25, 2018 | Read by more than 52,000 people | Price when sold 70p

Boss warns A&E could be hit at worst time of year

HOSPITAL STAFF SHORTAGE FEARS

Report by Richard Guttridge

RUSSELLS Hall Hospital could be left facing a staffing crisis this winter after its accident & emergency unit experienced its busiest night on record.

The Dudley hospital is likely to lose more staff than it takes on over the coming months, according to a top director at the trust running the hospital, which will increase pressure on the crisis-hit emergency unit.

During winter months the number of patients using A&E dramatically increase.

The hospital is currently drafting up an urgent plan to try to deal with serious concerns raised by health watchdog, the Care Quality Commission, including sepsis management.

The neighbouring Royal Wolverhampton Trust has been brought in to help improve the situation.

The gloomy warnings of staff shortages this winter follow the exit of chief nurse Siobhan Jordan last week, which chiefs have denied is linked to a whistleblowing probe.

Dudley Group NHS Trust non-executive director Julian Atkins aired concerns over staffing at a recent board meeting and warned Russells Hall could face 'challenges'.

Predictions

It was also revealed Russells Hall experienced its busiest night on record during September when a total of 310 people arrived at the emergency department.

A report from the meeting said: "Mr Atkins confirmed that predictions show that the trust will lose more staff than it will recruit over the next six months and this will provide a further challenge to the trust over winter."

Health chiefs said the the trust, which runs the hospital, must improve retention of staff and persuade workers from leaving.

The report continued: "The director of HR (human resources) stated that the organisation has to improve its retention of staff."

Plans were also being developed to improve the exit interview process and for staff engagement initiatives.

● Sepsis concern – page 5

BLACK COUNTRY FLAG ON TOP OF THE WORLD

Former Mayor of Dudley Steve Waltho, right, and sister's partner Martin Morris hold up the Black Country flag

A FORMER mayor of Dudley has travelled to Everest Bas Camp – half way up the world's tallest mountain – to raise money for charity and has proudly flown the Black Country flage.

Councillor Steve Waltho jetted off from Dudley to the Himalayas to hike to Everest Base Camp, at17,600ft above sea level. He embarked on the mission to raise funds and awareness for Mary Stevens Hospice, at Stourbridge, which serves the Black Country.

The 63-year-old recently completed his mission and raised the Black Country flag. Posting on his Facebook page he said it was 'mission accomplished'. "At 6.45am GMT, my sister's partner Martin Morris and I stood proudly at 17,600ft above sea level at base camp at Everest," he wrote. "I won't underestimate the magnitude of this achievement of two ordinary guys at ages 63 and Martin 55."

He added that both had suffered stomach problems and altitude issues but good teamwork had seen them through.

"We stood proudly holding the Black Country Flag then the Mary Stevens Hospice banner. Been a bit overwhelmed by the kind caring comments on Facebook and the generosity of people and the Givepenny Everest Climb 2018 site is still open." To donate visit www.givepenny.com/everest-climb-2018

DEVELOPMENT

Campaign starts to protect beauty spot

THOUSANDS of people have joined a new online group launched to save Saltwells Nature Reserve from development

More than an acre of land used by families and dog walkers will disappear if developers get permission to build nine four and five-bedroom homes on the former site of Saltwells House in Saltwells Nature Reserve.

Angry locals have started a campaign to try to stop the homes plan and have recently set up a Facebook group called Save Saltwells Nature Reserve, which already has around 4,000 members.

ACCIDENT

Cyclist is killed in lorry collision

A CYCLIST from Brierley Hill has died following a collision with a lorry near Kidderminster.

A man, in his 60s, was killed and another cyclist, from Hagley, is being treated in hospital for his injuries after the collision near to the junction of the A449 and Manor Lane near Hartlebury at 11am on Monday.

A 48-year-old man from Halesowen has been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving.

POLICE

No suspicions over body found in canal

POLICE say there are no suspicious circumstances following the discovery of a woman's body in the canal in Dudley.

The grim discovery was made at 8.30am on Friday in Dudley No 2 Canal in the section that runs near Northfield Road in Netherton.

Police say that the woman was aged in her 70s and the coroner has been informed. Police did not release her name to the media.

The area had been cordoned off last week by officers.

BENJAMINS
BAR / RESTAURANT & BANQUETING SUITES
KICK UP THE 80s
TICKETS ONLY £7 | DOORS OPEN 8PM
FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER
Call: 0121 602 0202

Angel Eyes Helen
Clairvoyant & Medium
STARTS AT 7PM
WEDNESDAY 31ST OCTOBER
TICKETS £10 / £13 ON THE DOOR

THE GREATEST UB40 TRIBUTE BAND
JOHNNY 2 BAD
FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER
TICKETS £8.00 | DOORS OPEN 8PM

Birmingham Street, Halesowen B63 3HN | Call 0121 602 0202

CONTENTS

PETER RHODES	6
LETTERS	7
THEATRE REVIEW	14
AT YOUR LEISURE	21
BRAIN GYM	24
MOTORING	26
LOCAL SPECIALISTS	27-28
SPORT	31-32

CONTACT US

EDITORIAL:
Tel: 01384 353201/01384 353205
E-mail: dudley.chrons@expressandstar.co.uk

SPORTS:
Tel: 01902 319453
E-mail: chron.sport@expressandstar.co.uk

PHOTOGRAPHIC: Tel: 01902 319430
E-mail: picturedesk@expressandstar.co.uk

ADVERTISING: Sue Jones
Tel: 01384 399901
E-mail: sue.jones@expressandstar.co.uk

PROPERTY: Colin Bailey
Tel: 01902 313131 ext 3731
E-mail: colin.bailey@expressandstar.co.uk

MOTORING: Liz Barratt
Tel: 01384 353244
E-mail: liz.barratt@expressandstar.co.uk

CLASSIFIED:
Tel: 01902 317878
E-mail: my-classified@expressandstar.co.uk

DISTRIBUTION: Paul Jones
Tel: 01902 319990
E-mail: p.jones@expressandstar.co.uk

Stourbridge CHRONICLE
51-53 Queen Street
Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES
Open Monday to Friday 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm
www.yourchronicle.com

Towering £1m ambition for beacon

Sedgley Beacon – viewpoint

A BID for nearly £1.5 million of lottery funding to restore a green space and landmark tower to its former glory has moved a step forward.

Dudley Council is seeking £1.43m from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for the ambitious project to breathe new life into the Sedgley Beacon with its Grade II-listed tower.

A beacon is believed to have been kept to burn from the top of the open space as long ago as the 17th century and the site offers some of the most spectacular views in the Black Country.

But over the years the land and its 50ft high tower have deteriorated and it is no longer possible to climb to the top. The bottom eight feet of its internal stone staircase is missing and it has been fenced off due to crumbling brickwork. Rubble and rubbish is also strewn around the base.

The council, working with the Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and the Black Country, submitted a bid in August to embark on a 'development phase' for the project. It is hoped a decision will be made in January.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for environmental services, said: "As a council we are committed to preserving and protecting the historic assets in our borough.

"People used to say you could see as far as Bristol on a clear day from the top of the Beacon, and it would be a real attraction for the community if we could get it back to how it was. Hopefully we will be successful with the lottery bid, and we can get cracking."

The bid will be discussed by councillors today (Thursday).

Increasing menace of organised crime gangs

A REPORT into crime in Dudlye has said there is evidence organised crime gangs are active 'throughout the borough' involved in forced labour, drug dealing and child sexual exploitation.

The shocking report will be presented to senior councillors at the borough council's cabinet meeting today (Thursday), as part of a draft youth justice plan for the 2018-2019 year.

The report outlines key findings which show that – although the borough remains the safest in the West Midlands – the total recorded crime from October 2016 to September 2017 increased by 15 per cent (2,643 offences) compared to the previous year.

Council officers also report that data from the past five years shows a worryingly increasing trend whioch is unlikely to stop in the near future.

It also states that eight wards out of 20 account for more than half (52 per cent) of recorded crime in the borough; while a quarter of repeat offenders were responsible for over a half of all detected crime.

Protect

Council officers warn: "There are strong links to suggest organised crime groups are active throughout the borough involved in forced labour, drug dealing, and child sexual exploitation.

"It is clear that in order to protect the most vulnerable in our community, we need to better understand the circumstances under which these young people are becoming victims of crime."

The plan is part of a submission to the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales which funds local authority youth offending teams to carry out intervention work with youngsters,

Dudley Council receives £360,362 in grants to help run its service, which aims to prevent youngsters committing crime.

Stan and Ollie stars on the red carpet

Way Out West end – John C Reilly, left, and Steve Coogan attended the Stan and Ollie premiere in London

ACTORS Steve Coogan and John C Reilly both wore kilts on the red carpet to celebrate their roles in the new film Stan & Ollie, which was partly filmed at the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley.

The world premiere for the film, based on the lives of comedy duo Laurel and Hardy in their later years when they toured Britain, was at the closing night gala for the BFI London Film Festival.

The event, held in Leicester Square, saw members of the cast take to the red carpet alongside the film's director, Jon S Baird, himself a Scot.

Asked about Coogan and Reilly's choice to wear kilts on the red carpet, the director, originally from Aberdeen, first joked it was in his honour, then said: "There's a scene where they go to Scotland and wear these oversized kilts but they thought it would be a nice little touch as well and, as you can see, a good photo opportunity"

Alan Partridge star Coogan and Reilly, who play Laurel and Hardy respectively, also donned matching bowling hats in the style of the double act, who performed at the Dudley Hippodrome as part of stage tours in 1947 and '52.

Mr Baird said: "Everybody knew what Laurel and Hardy were like on screen and what their personas were like. They're very different off screen."

Stan & Ollies goes on general release across the UK in January.

Half term fun sessions for children at leisure centres

CHILDREN can take part in lots of activities at Dudley Council-run leisure centres this half term.

The borough's three centres are hosting a busy week of fun between October 27 and November 4.

On October 30 and November 1, there will be two full days of junior Activezone activities at Dudley Leisure, suitable for youngsters aged eight to 12-years-old. Running between 9am and 4pm, activities will include multi-skills, football, basketball, rounders, crafts and swimming. It costs £20 per day.

At Halesowen Leisure Centre, juniors can take advantage of the £7 for seven days offer to receive unlimited access between 9am and 5pm every day.

A fun float pool session, suitable for all ages, will be running in both pools at Halesowen on October 30 and November 1. They will take place between 1.30pm and 3pm and costs £4.30 for adults and £2.80 for under 16s.

Juniors under the age of 16 can also receive a 50 per cent discount off the full adult price on a no booking advance basis for court sports. Equipment is provided.

Youngsters can take part in fun and games at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre too. The swimming pool, complete with slides, waves, bubble seat and rapids is open between 9am and 6pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm Saturdays and 9am to 6pm on Sundays. There will also be a bondi-beat water disco with a live DJ on Friday, November 2, between 3.30pm and 6pm.

Inclusive Activezone sessions, for children with learning or physical disabilities, will take place on November 1. Sessions run between 10am and 12pm for five to eight-year-olds, and from 1pm to 4pm for eight to 16-year-olds. Book by calling 07970 259921.

There will also be Halloween crafts for children aged between five and 11, on October 30 from 11am. £5 per child.

NHS car park fees bringing in £11m

HOSPITAL trusts in the West Midlands made more than £11 million from parking charges and fines last year, figures have revealed.

Figures released by the NHS show the five trusts covering the Black Country and Staffordshire raked in nearly £3.4m from staff and a further £8.2m from patients and visitors in 2017-18.

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust's parking fees brought in £1.5m.

A spokeswoman for NHS Improvement said income generated from the charges was used to pay the costs of providing parking, while excess funds were put into clinical services.

Hearing Problems
...or maybe just ear wax?
DON'T SUFFER IN SILENCE!
The symptoms of ear wax are impaired hearing, dizziness, ear pain, a plugged or full sensation and ringing in the ear. It is very common for ears to become blocked with wax, leading to discomfort, pain and hearing loss.
You should never attempt to self-clean and always seek professional advice. We offer safe, gentle and effective methods of wax removal.
FOR A LIMITED TIME, WITH THIS ADVERT
25% OFF MICROSUCTION WAX REMOVAL
Stourbridge Hearing Centre
Stourbridge Hearing Centre
59 High Street
Stourbridge DY8 1DE
01384 476 306

KIDSPLAY at the Queensway
where laughter and learning never stop!
• Brand new childcare setting in your local area for children aged one year to 5
• Funded and non-funded spaces available
• Open 7:30am-5pm
• Breakfast club for children who attend Hob Green School
Prices start from £4.50
Wollescote Scout Association
Queensway
Pedmore
DY9 9HD
DBS CHECKED
Time for twos
30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE

• Suites Galore • Suites Galore •
A HIDDEN GEM
Buy Local Buy British
ONE DAY OFFERS
LOW SHOWROOM OFFERS TODAY
EST Family Business for 30 years
Quality Sofas • High Firm Seating
Suites Galore Studio
18-19 Lower High Street, Stourbridge, DY8 1TA
07889 704 830
• Suites Galore • Suites Galore •

Footworks Chiropody
Keeping you one step ahead...
. Ingrown Toe Nails Treated
. Toe Nail Cutting and Trimming
. Diabetic Foot Care
. General Foot Care
. Callus Reduction
HCPC Registered & Foot Healthcare Practitioners
Home Visits Available
01384 413444
201 - 203 Halesowen Road, Old Hill, B64 6HE

Hotel aiming to bounce back after kitchen fire

A HOTEL owner who is reeling after a devastating kitchen fire says he is worried the damage could affect bookings in the run-up to Christmas.

Mohammed Zaman, who owns The Himley Country Hotel and Restaurant, said the fire had come at a 'hard time' in the run-up to the festive season.

Firefighters were at the scene of the Dudley hotel last Wednesday after the blaze broke out just before 5.30pm in the kitchen.

A spokesman for West Midlands Fire Service described it as a 'severe' kitchen blaze that they believed to have been started by a fryer.

Mr Zaman said: "Obviously it's a very hard time as Christmas is coming up and we have people wanting to book in parties and dinners. But, touch wood, we have our temporary kitchen coming in this week."

The hotel remains open to guests but the kitchen has been out of use since Wednesday.

Mr Zaman confirmed a temporary kitchen has been ordered and guests should be able to order food later this week.

The fire was out by about 7pm last Wednesday and there were no injuries.

The popular venue offers festive parties for groups as well as Christmas Day lunch, Boxing day lunch, and New Year's Eve nights.

Strictly Damy duo fly to the top

DUDLEY-BASED professional dancer Amy Dowden and her celebrity partner Danny John-Jules achieved the first ten of this Strictly Come Dancing series on Saturday night.

Team Damy, as they have become known on social media, dazzled the judges including special guest Alfonso Ribeiro with their action-packed jive routine, earning a score of ten from judge Dame Darcey Bussell.

The overall score of their aviator themed routine to Flip Flop and Fly came to 37, placing them at the top of the scoreboard on week five and getting the comment 'That was extraordinary' from Dame Darcey. Amy, who runs a dance school in Dudley, and Red Dwarf star Danny will be taking part in Saturday's Halloween special.

Festive fair time

A CHRISTMAS fair is being held at the Beacon Centre in Sedgley on November 15. The event at the centre in Wolverhampton Road East runs from 4pm to 7pm with admission £1 and free for children under 10.

Spy car leads to 444 parking fines

NEARLY 450 parents have been slapped with fines after being caught by a spy car introduced just over a year ago to crack down on poor parking outside schools in Dudley borough.

Parents are still being caught by the vehicle, which was introduced in September 2017, with more than £15,000 paid in fines in its first year.

The Dudley Council camera vehicle has been on the streets looking for evidence of bad parking outside schools with parents facing fines of up to £70. Parents have paid out £15,358 in fines to date with 444 penalty charges dished out between September 1 2017 and October 12, 2018.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, the council's cabinet member for environmental services, said the vehicles was being used because the council took the safety of children around schools 'extremely seriously'.

The vehicle was introduced by Dudley Council at the start of the school term in September 2017 in a bid to improve children's safety. The move had followed complaints about problem parking outside school gates.

The camera only starts rolling when a vehicle has driven over yellow zig-zag warning lines. Once the car leaves the area the camera stops rolling. Council officers are then tasked with looking through the video footage.

Councillor Ahmed said: "The zig-zag lines are there to protect our children, so they can see and be seen when going to and from school. Fortunately most drivers do park responsibly near the school gates, but there are still some who continue to park illegally, putting the lives of children at risk. The council will continue to use the CCTV vehicle on streets around schools to ensure our children stay safe."

Most fines involved Church Road, Coseley, outside Christ Church Primary, followed by Hillcrest Road, in Dudley, near to St Joseph's Primary. Fines were also handed out for poor parking near Netherton Primary School, Castle High School and Blowers Green Primary School.

The scheme is self-financing with any surplus from fines ring-fenced for road safety measures.

'Social problems' taking police time, says Blair

BRITAIN'S broken criminal justice system meant that police were having to deal with 'social problems' rather than fighting crime, said former Prime Minster Tony Blair during a visit to Dudley.

The former Labour leader met with officers at West Midlands Police Station in Brierley Hill to discuss the region's crime epidemic during Friday's visit at the invitation of Dudley North MP Ian Austin. He also spoke with students at Dudley College's Advance Campus.

He was guest at a round table event chaired by Chief Superintendent Sally Bourner, that also featured Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson, neighbourhood officers and Police Community Support Officers.

Following the meeting, Mr Blair – who had pledged to be 'tough on crime and on the causes of crime' when he was in power– said: "I'm really interested – and concerned – in the fact that crime is back now as a really important issue.

"Crime is growing, violent crime particularly the way these organised gangs are operating.

"The officers are doing a fantastic job, but the truth is their numbers have been cut pretty savagely.

Knives

"And its not just their resources that have been cut but the basic social infrastructure to deal with some of the problems that people have, so a lot of the problems for police out on the street at the moment are problems they really shouldn't be dealing with. They are almost dealing with social issues when they have got to be fighting crime.

"Gang members of a young age carrying knives and weapons. This is a sort of criminality that, unless you have the resources, is very hard for police to deal with, even though they are doing the best they possibly can do in exceptionally difficult circumstances."

Talking to students at Dudley College, Mr Blair said it was vital to invest in foreign aid to curb terrorism and to halt the mass migration that had resulted from the rise of terror groups.

When PM Mr Blair introduced the policy of spending 0.7 per cent of gross domestic product on foreign aid, which now sees more than £13 billion going abroad.

Mr Blair and Ian Austin with Chief Superintendent Sally Bourner and Commissioner David Jamieson

Former PM Tony Blair meets Dudley students

Dudley College chief Lowell Williams with Mr Blair

NEWS IN BRIEF

Call for more on lollipop patrols

COUNCIL bosses have issued a call for friendly people to join their school crossing patrol team.

Dudley Council is looking to recruit in 12 locations across the borough, including Dudley, Stourbridge, Halesowen, Quarry Bank, Kingswinford and Netherton.

All the posts are permanent and start early next year. Shifts vary on different sites, posts are normally between six and seven-and-a-half hours a wee during the morning and evening school runs. DBS checks required. Posts are term-time only and the hourly rateis around £8.55 per hour. Call (01384) 815401.

Merry Hill named UK's eighth best

A REPORT has ranked intu Merry Hill as the UK's eighth best shopping centre, ahead of Birmingham's Bullring in GlobalData's new Top 50 UK Shopping Centres Report 2018.

The report is the first of its kind to take into account the requirements of both tenants and shoppers. Westfield London tops the table,Westfield Stratford City, London, is in second place with Bluewater, Kent, third.

Merry Hill owner intu has four in the top 10 with Trafford Centre, Manchester, fourth, Lakeside, Essex, fifth and Metrocentre, Gateshead, sixth.

MP's concern over cancer test delays

DUDLEY North MP Ian Austin has called on the Government to recruit more NHS staff to tackle the long waiting times for tests that could diagnose bowel cancer.

The Labour MP is backing Bowel Cancer UK's End the Capacity Crisis campaign, which aims to improve diagnosis of the UK's second biggest cancer killer.

Mr Austin said: "I am backing this campaign to ensure that everyone referred for this life-saving test is seen in a timely manner."

Arts group receive £2k from Postcode Lottery

RIVERSIDE House in Stourbridge has received a grant of £2,000 from the Postcode Lottery.

Stourbridge MP Margot James said: "I am delighted to hear that the Riverside House has received a substantial grant. It provides a wonderful environment for my constituents to engage in practical skills. It hosts a number of artistic events that engage the community. The money will help them continue their excellent work."

DON'T throw out costly cabinets when you can re-use them!
We Can Replace the Doors
PLUS
FREE* WORKTOPS
Or FREE Cornice & Pelmet TRIMS
idoorsandmore.co.uk
Over 88 Styles & Colours
Kitchen Doors & Worktops
Showroom: 8 Wordsley Green Shopping Centre
Lawnswood Road DY8 5PD Tel: 01384 293654
Get FREE Worktops
- just buy New Kitchen Doors!
NEW
Bedroom Sliding Robes
and fitted cabinets!
KITCHEN Doors & WORKTOPS
PLUS
FREE Colour Brochure
FREE Home Quotes
*minimum purchase of 6 made to measure Doors - Full details online

COUNTY NEWS

Fingerprinting the suspects 'on move'

POLICE officers will be able to fingerprint suspects 'on the move' after hundreds of new mobile fingerprint devices were brought in.

West Midlands Police has invested in 657 of the machines, which enable people's details to be checked on the streets.

Bosses say the move will save the force time and money, while also enabling officers to spend more time 'fighting crime'.

The force has spent £262,000 on the devices, which will initially be used by force response teams, operations officers and neighbourhood policing teams.

Medics want more social care funding

PATIENTS will be left 'stranded' in hospitals and GP waiting rooms unless more money is found for social care, leading medics have warned.

In a letter to the Chancellor ahead of the budget, leading British healthcare groups warned that more money needs to be ploughed into social care and public health services.

Without investment, "consequent demand on NHS services will not be manageable", according to the letter. The authors said the funding gap in social care services , estimated to be £3.5 billion by 2025 for adult care services in England alone, needs to be plugged as "a matter of urgency".

Children witness animal cruelty

MORE than a fifth of schoolchildren in the West Midlands have witnessed animal cruelty and neglect on social media, the RSPCA has revealed.

The charity said it was seeing nearly 5,000 such incidents reported each year. More than 400 have been reported in the West Midlands in 2016, 2017 and the first six months of 2018, and 238 in Staffordshire.

In response, the charity is launching its biggest ever education and prevention programme aimed at children.

Lower interest rates help first-time buyers

FIRST-TIME buyers are driving the housing market with the number of mortgages handed out to this sector reaching its highest levels in over a year in August, lenders have reported.

There were 35,500 new first-time buyer mortgages completed in August, two per cent more than in the same month a year earlier, trade association UK Finance said. Experts put this down to low interest rates

Moonwalk master can make you feel good

THE brains behind the iconic Moonwalk and the 'lean' made famous by King of Pop Michael Jackson is set to reveal his industry secrets to a Black Country audience.

Performer Jeffrey Daniel, who was MTV's first street dance choreographer and a member of hit-making group Shalamar, visist Halesowen after linking-up with Next Level Dance Academy.

The 63-year-old sold 25 million records with soul group Shalamar, whose hits included A Night to Remember, There It Is, and I Can Make You Feel Good. But he also earns a place in pop history as the man who taught Jackson the Moonwalk and invented the extreme lean for his Smooth Crimina' music video.

Charlie Jones, co-owner of the Manor Lane dance school, said: "It's brilliant for our dance school and the surrounding area. A lot of the parents are excited about him coming. I think they're big fans. It's going to be inspiring. The children are all interested in dance and some of them want to have a career in the industry."

Daniel, who co-choreographed the Smooth Criminal and Bad videos, will host two 90-minute dance master classes and a 30-minute question and answer session when he drops by at Haden Hill Leisure Centre on December 2.

It will be the second time dancers at the school, which launched four years ago, have been treated to a special visit from dance heroes after Ashley Banjo, leader of dance troupe Diversity, visited for a one-off workshop.

Tickets are £30, email nextleveldance@sky.com for details.

Jobless figures on the increase in borough

Report by John Corser

THE number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits in Dudley has shot up 28 per cent in the last year.

It comes despite a drop in unemployment across the West Midlands as a whole.

The claimants total in Dudley stood at 7,570 last month – 3.9 per cent of the working population – and up by 25 from August. Over the year the total has grown by 1,640.

Among the 18 to 24-year-old age group claimants in the borough have risen 295 – 23 per cent – to 1,600.

The rise has been partly put down to the controversial Universal Credit system being rolled out in the borough. It replaces six benefits with one monthly payment but has come in for heavy criticism for leaving claimants worse off.

Unemployment across the whole West Midlands region fell by 2,000 to 139,000 in the three months to August, part of a nationwide jobless fall of 47,000 to 1.36 million. Over the year the unemployment level is down 10,000.

Recruitment

Gerry Lyng, partnership manager for the Department for Work and Pensions in the Black Country, said that recruitment for major construction projects being led by the West Midlands Combined Authority was likely to see more employment and an increased demand for training.

JobCentre Plus is also working with Auctus Management Group to recruit for staff for the Midland Metro.

Claimant numbers in South Staffordshire, including Kinver and Himley, saw a rise of 15 to 970.

Meanwhile the number of women at work in the West Midlands is at a near record high of 1.29 million.

Look forward to early Christmas CHAOS

Salli Gage, Richard Cope, Adam Compton and Liz Compton who are in CHAOS' version of White Christmas

THEATRE performers are in the festive spirit for their latest show and are already dreaming of a white Christmas! Members of CHAOS – Cradley Heath Amateur Operatic Society – will be staging their version of Irving Berlin's classic musical White Christmas next month.

The show at Stourbridge Town Hall will be staged from November 13 to 17. As well as the famous title song White Christmas also features the popular songs Sisters, Blue Skies, Count Your Blessings (Instead of Sheep) and How Deep is the Ocean?

The production is based on the classic 1954 movie which stars Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, and Vera-Ellen. It is a romantic comedy about showbiz pals planning a Christmas entertainment.

CHAOS spokesman Paul Murdock said: "We promise an enjoyable evening's entertainment with a festive family feeling of award-winning standards from the longest-established amateur operatic society in the whole of the Black Country and the performing talents of the area. Let's make CHAOS' White Christmas just like the ones we used to know."

Tickets costing £14 and £17 can be bought from the box office on 0121 5857380 or any member of the society. Performances include a Saturday matinee.

Murder rate at a 10-year high across the region

THE murder rate in the West Midlands is at its highest in 10 years as latest figures show violent crime continues to soar.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) said there were 79 murders in the wider region in the year to June 2018 – up 30 per cent from the previous year.

West Midlands Police (WMP) dealt with 42 killings and there were 10 murders in the area covered by Staffordshire Police.

The figures also show the full extent of the region's knife crime epidemic, which Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden branded 'among the biggest crises facing the country'.

Over the period there were 4,327 incidents involving blades, including 35 murders, 59 cases of attempted murder, 209 threats to kill and 1,907 serious assaults.

Overall, total recorded crime has rocketed by seven per cent in the West Midlands, with a 10 per cent spike in the WMP area and a five per cent rise in Staffordshire.

WMP dealt with a 21 per cent increase in violent crime, a 16 per cent rise in weapons possession, a 23 per cent increase in sexual offences and a 22 per cent spike in robbery.

In Staffordshire there were huge rises in robbery and weapons possession offences, which showed respective spikes of 30 per cent and 29 per cent.

The figures come as WMP Chief Constable Dave Thompson revealed the force may have to get rid of up to 500 officers due to Government changes in pension contributions.

● Pension bill – page 18

Slam Dunk drops out of Midlands

POPULAR alternative music festival Slam Dunk will not return to the Midlands next year.

The event has been hosted at Birmingham NEC since 2016, following a move from Wolverhampton Civic Hall where it had been held since 2013.

In a statement on the festival's Facebook page, organisers state: "Going forward, we have two large outdoor sites where we have much more flexibility to deliver what you want. This means we are unable to run a third day, so Slam Dunk Festival Midlands will not be happening in 2019".

To cater for Midlands fans, the festival has teamed up with travel company Big Green Coach Company to offer transportation to the Leeds and Hatfield concerts from Birmingham.

4 PETS WHO KNOW A GOOD THING!

Wedding Groom Service Available

The only place I would take my boy. Gary and the team work their hardest to get their furry clients smelling and looking their best, would never dream of taking my pup anywhere else. The team ask on your arrival how you would like your fur baby cut and how long or short you wanted them cut, they are so friendly to talk to and very welcoming. Well done Gary and team. Chip loves you all.

The best, most trustworthy place to send my two boys for daycare . . . Ronnie and Pancake love coming to play . . . I'd recommend to anyone Thank you all the team for looking after my babies.

WE ARE A CAGE FREE SALON

FREE PICK UP & DROP OFF

10% OFF

All Full Grooming during October

(Not open to existing discounts)

217 High Street, Lye, DY9 8JX

Call Gary: 01384 891008 / 07557 648100

WWW.POSHKUTZ.WEEBLY.COM

Is Your Old Suite Looking a little tired and worn???

• 35 Years Experience
• All Work Guaranteed
• 1000's of Fabrics
• Prompt Efficent Service
• Discount for OAP's

FULL RE-UPHOLSTERY SERVICE

Sofa Style

01384 892018

www.sofastyleupholstery.co.uk

It's knife or your life, police tell teenagers

YOUNGSTERS in the West Midlands will be shown 'the story of a stabbing' as part of a police campaign to warn against the dangers of knife crime.

Police say the 'hard-hitting' advert will air on download sites alongside grime and drill music tracks. It will feature real paramedics and police officers and will show a dramatisation of a stabbing and its aftermath.

The clip is part of the force's #life orknife campaign, which has been brought in following a spate of fatal stabbings across the region, including two recently in the Black Country.

The campaign will also see police officers and PCSOs talking to pupils about knife crime, a Facebook video advising parents how to talk to their children about the issue, and a 'myth-busting' social media campaign exposing the reality of knife crime and its consequences. It is aimed at 14-16 year olds.

Superintendent Ian Parnell, knife crime lead for West Midlands Police, said: "Young people report that they feel the need to carry a knife for a number of reasons, one being fear. We all have a responsibility to talk to children about those fears and why they might feel driven to carry a knife.

"The message is a simple one. Life or knife – the choice is yours and there's always a choice, even when young people don't feel they have one."

Building society moves in centre

COVENTRY Building Society's branch in the Merry Hill shopping centre has moved to a new location near to Marks & Spencer.

Society members and representatives of Age UK, which has received almost £2,300 from the Merry Hill branch team's fundraising efforts since December 2017, were there to celebrate the move and the branch's new design.

Branch manager Curt Price said: "Our investment in Merry Hill shows our long-term commitment to the area and our branch network. Whilst many banks have been closing branches, we believe they provide an essential service for our members. Our aim is to give members and our branch team the best possible environment."

Festive favourite

THE East Coseley Big Local group has chosen a festive favourite for its next free community cinema screening. The 1994 version of Miracle on 34th Street is at Darkhouse Baptist Church on December 4 at 2pm.

Network to help Parkinson's patients

AN initiative pioneered in Dudley to help keep Parkinson's patients out of hospital has led to the creation of a national network, which has been launched this month.

Janine Barnes, neurology specialist pharmacist with the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, has set up a network to train pharmacists across the country.

The newly-formed Parkinson's Disease Specialist Pharmacy Network (PDSPN) will train pharmacists to help people manage their condition through medication.

The network held its first steering committee meeting in Birmingham last week to develop an educational programme for hundreds of pharmacists who have already expressed an interest in further training.

Ms Barnes was the first neurology specialist pharmacist in the UK and was named Clinical Pharmacist of the Year in 2012. After speaking at a conference in London, she was approached by pharmacists interested in finding out more about Parkinson's.

Parkinson's is thought to affect around one in 500 people in the UK. It causes tremors, stiffness in the muscles and slow movement. It can also lead to depression, memory problems and insomnia.

Ms Barnes said: "We are seeing more people with Parkinson's due to an ageing population, better diagnosis and more people coming forward.

"Parkinson's medication is often very complex so pharmacists are the ideal profession to help these patients.

"By being a point of contact, we as pharmacists can use our skills to monitor their medication and possible interactions with medications prescribed for their other health conditions, to keep them healthy and out of hospital."

Dudley is also leading the way in the care of Parkinson's patients with the neurology pathway of the Dudley Rehabilitation Service which includes Parkinson's disease nurses. Ms Barnes added: "People with the condition have the support of this team which takes them out of the hospital system, freeing up nurses' and consultants' time."

Worry over lack of sepsis awareness at hospital

STAFF at a beleaguered Black Country hospital were 'frustrated' they had been ordered to focus on a potentially deadly infection, inspectors found.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) said that some staff at the emergency department in Russells Hall Hospital – including senior doctors and nurses – 'did not understand sepsis'.

Some staff were unable to describe the signs of the infection when asked by inspectors.

Without prompt treatment, sepsis can lead to multiple organ failure and death.

CQC staff observed a patient who had signs of infection waiting for 11 hours before being put on antibiotics.

Previous inspections had highlighted concerns over whether staff were identifying patients with the condition effectively.

Enforcement

As a result of the latest unannounced inspection, the CQC said it was forced to take further enforcement action against Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.

Its latest inspection report states: "Some patients with suspected sepsis were still not being identified or managed appropriately.

"Staff continued to be frustrated at the focus on sepsis and did not fully engage with the need to assess for sepsis."

Inspectors visited the trust on August 8 and 9 to view its urgent and emergency care services at Russells Hall.

Following the inspection, the CQC has placed an 'urgent condition' on the trust's registration.

Diane Wake, chief executive of the trust, said: "We are committed to making further improvements for patients, and supporting all our staff to provide the best possible care."

Last month she revealed that staff in A&E at Dudley had been re-trained in how to spot signs of sepsis and how to manage patients with the condition, including the introduction of a dedicated 'sepsis trolley'.

Pupils' harvest to help people in need

Robert Street Primary School pupils with headteacher Dawn Hunt and senior pastor David Bell

PUPILS at a Dudley primary school have used their harvest festival to collect and donate food to he Black Country Food Bank.

Youngsters from Robert Street Primary School got together a van-load of food at their recent harvest festival service.

Dave Bell, senior pastor at St Paul's Church in Gornal, said: "The church is a distribution centre for the Black Country Food Bank. From the estimates of what I took down there was a good 300 to 400 kilos collected.

"The food bank really struggled during the summer. The supplies ended up running low and as part of the harvest festival the school did a collection of food. It was amazing. The response we got from the school was fantastic. Pupils brought so much food in that they struggled to find places to keep it."

Mr Bell added: "We see the people in need coming to collect the food and it's not always people you would expect. Sometimes people in jobs struggle."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Spooky goings on for shoppers

CHILDREN and grown-ups are invited to take part in a special trick-or-treat trail at a shopping centre this Halloween.

Five 'spook stations' will appear inside the intu Merry Hill centre between noon and 5pm on Wednesday, October 31. Each will see families receive sweet treats from creepy characters, including witches, wizards and phantoms. A Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos), parade will also come to life at 4pm, where guests are encouraged to dress up. The event is available to new and existing members of intu's family club. Visit customer services on the lower mall to sign up.

Tom rocking at top exam result

A STUDENT is celebrating after receiving the second highest grade in the entire country for his geology AS Level. Tom Parker, aged 18, is studying A Levels in geology, biology and chemistry at Halesowen College.

The college received a letter from the exam board, OCR, to say Tom had achieved the second highest mark nationally.

Tom, who lives in Kingswinford and was a former pupil at Summerhill School, said: "I wasn't sure how the exam had gone and I didn't think I had done as well as I had."

Bike worth £5,500 stolen in burglary

A MOUNTAIN bike worth £5,500 has been stolen following a spate of burglaries in the Black Country.

Garages in the Withymoor area of Brierley Hill were targeted between Wednesday and Thursday of last week and an orange Alpine mountain bike was stolen.

A spokesperson for West Midlands Police said: "It is quite distinctive so if you see it or have any information please call us on 101 quoting ref number 20DY/ 239061P/18."

Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Ghoulish fun at pub in aid of hospice funds

A DUDLEY town centre real ale pub is hosting a day-long Halloween fundraising party to raise money for a Black Country charity.

There will be live music, a disco and ghoulish games at The Malt Shovel in Tower Street, Dudley, on Saturday from noon onwards.

Regulars are being invited to come along in spooky fancy dress to join in the fun in aid of Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice.

ADVERTISEMENT

Has Your Double Glazing Steamed Up?

Established for over a decade Cloudy2Clear windows have become a leading company for glass replacement. Issues with double glazing can often be gradual and may only be noticed during a clear sunny day or during the winter. A failed glass unit may no longer provide you with the protection you need or be energy efficient. Why not spend a few minutes checking your home to see if you have any failed double glazing?
If you act now you can avoid these problems.

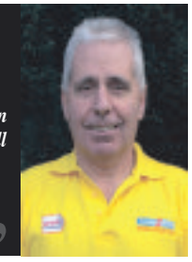
Now, you may think you need to replace the whole window including the frames and all the hardware, however Cloudy2Clear have come up with a simple and cost saving solution… Just replace the glass!!

If you see condensation in your windows just visit our website or give us a call on **0800 61 21 118**. We will send out our highly experienced engineers for a free no obligation quote. **A Cloudy2Clear quote takes on average no longer than 20 minutes**. Once the quote is completed, we will sit down with you and explain the problem and tell you how we can fix it. With years of experience Cloudy2Clear have a wealth of knowledge and are recognised as a Which Trusted Trader, **plus our work is backed by an industry leading 25 year guarantee**. Cloudy2Clear also replace faulty locks handles and hinges on all windows and doors.

Your friendly local Cloudy2Clear specialist is Brian Stanley and he services Walsall & the surrounding areas.

So, if your windows are steamed up, broken or damaged give Brian a call for a free quotation on **0800 61 21 118**.

"Cloudy2Clear GUARANTEE All Customers That An Average Quote Will Take No Longer Than 20 MINS!!!"



Cloudy2Clear Windows... Service With A Smile!

Cloudy2Clear Are A... Which? Trusted Trader

All Glazing Backed By Our 25 YEAR GUARANTEE

Priority Freephone 0800 61 21 118

www.cloudy2clear.com

Broken Or Damaged Windows? Faulty Locks, Handles, Hinges?

IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

When fast still meant top marks in design

FIFTEEN years ago this week, crowds gathered around Heathrow Airport, their noses pressed against the perimeter wire. As the flight from New York to London touched the runway, there was barely a dry eye in the audience.

The plane in question was Concorde, and the journey the world's last supersonic flight. Incredibly, next year also marks the 50th anniversary since it first took to the air. Even today, Concorde is a remarkable feat of engineering. Faster than the speed of sound, it got you from London to New York in about the same time it took to drive to the airport.

And this year also marks 80 years since Mallard broke the world speed record, hitting 126mph near Grantham. Like Concorde, Mallard was remarkable not only for what it achieved, but also for its beauty of design. Look at its sleek, futuristic lines, and contrast them with the shabby old multiple units you find running today's commuter routes.

The 20th century was the age of the artist engineer, visionaries who achieved the impossible and created something beautiful. Whereas today's technology revolves around dreary computers and phone apps, creating a generation of introverted teenagers and putting our high streets out of business.

❒❒❒

ON the plus side, advances in robot technology mean we will only need to work a four-day week. At least that's what shadow chancellor John McDonnell says. The other way of looking at it is that, as robots render human labour obsolete, countless jobs will be lost and millions thrown onto the dole. Based on past experience, which do you think is more likely?

❒❒❒

AS we look ahead to the festival of Remembrance, I suppose it wouldn't be the same without the usual suspects enjoying their 15 minutes of fame by sounding of a note of rebellion.

But in years gone by, it used to be pretty benign stuff, like CND leader Bruce Kent wearing a white poppy. These days it seems to be much nastier.

Earlier this month Prof Kehinde Andrews of Birmingham City University declared that Winston Churchill was racist. Hardly original, but it was his comments that followed that send a chill down the spine. He added: "The truth is Hitler was a great military leader, a product of his time, and if they won the war we would be having this discussion now." How is he still in a job?

007 comment and the twitterwaves are buzzing

Jonathan Dimbleby – blames social media for decline of reasoned discussion

Jodie Whittaker – the new Doctor Who uses her brain instead to disarm villains

Piers Morgan – accused over suggestion that he made on Daniel Craig

Oh baby! I just hate all this 'crime' talk

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

PIERS Morgan was probably guilty of some terrible hate crime this week when he suggested that Daniel Craig carrying his baby in a papoose showed that 007 had been emasculated. In Morgan's book, real men carry kids in their big hairy arms. As night follows day, women took to the twitterwaves to declare that there is nothing so manly as a bloke carrying his baby in a papoose. And there's nothing so embarrassed as a bloke whose woman feels she has to tell the world that he's manly. Some things are better left unsaid.

WHITEHALL is looking at proposals to extend hate crimes to cover the abuse of people based on their age or gender. Bang goes my fan mail.

REMEMBER the row at the National Trust last summer when volunteers were "invited" to wear badges celebrating a gay-pride campaign? Some felt uncomfortable at the idea and either stayed away or were relegated to back-room jobs. For an organisation usually associated with genteel English gardens and tea on the lawn, the NT were behaving in a nasty, bullying way. When the story hit the papers and NT members started cancelling their subscriptions, the Trust backed down. So what will happen at the BBC to staff who choose not to wear "LGBT ally" badges which have been designed to show support to LGBT colleagues? We are watching.

INCIDENTALLY, the term "jerk" may be a hate crime against jerks. Guilty as charged.

GENDER-stereotype alert. Doctor Who (BBC1) now in a female incarnation (Jodie Whittaker) made the feminist point that men are violent clots who instinctively reach for guns and bullets. The new Doctor uses her brain instead and disarms the robot-snipers by creating an electro-magnetic field. In the interest of balance, I should point out that the Doctor's famous sonic screwdriver has been adapted for female use. It now carries the instruction: "Lefty loosey, righty tighty."

NEW research suggests that fish which are caught and then released are unable to feed properly because the hook damages their lip. Reports referred to anglers "throwing the fish back." This is an offensive term. Genuine anglers never throw a fish anywhere. They handle their catch gently, if only because they want it to be fighting fit for the next weekend. I have never understood coarse fishing but they do seem to respect their prey. And so, too, do we game fishers. The difference is that we knock the trout or salmon on the head and have it for tea. Which is, of course, the fish's fault for being delicious.

JONATHAN Dimbleby blames the anti-social side of social media for the decline of reasoned discussion on TV and radio, declaring: "Debate generally has deteriorated in almost direct proportion to the amount of stuff that is uttered. We get more and more words and fewer and fewer thoughts." Memo to JD: Get a grip. You and your brother David chair two of the BBC's flagship discussion shows, you with Any Questions (R4) and David with Question Time (BBC1). If the quality of national debate has fallen, you Brothers Dimbleby must take some of the blame.

FOR a kick-off, they should halt the growing trend of "straw man" arguments when someone misquotes an earlier speaker to refute a claim that was never made in the first place. It happened recently on Question Time when a man in the audience asserted that "the UK is one of the least racist societies across Europe." He was promptly denounced by a Muslim woman as "a white man saying that there's no racism in this country." He had said no such thing but Dimbleby didn't point it out and the audience erupted with mob-like applause.

WE hacks get the straw-man treatment all the time. Not long ago, on the subject of privatising the railways, an emailer accused me: "Bet you supported it at the time, Mr Rhodes, so an apology is in order." As far as I can recall I never wrote about rail privatisation, let alone supported it (although I was resolutely against water privatisation). No matter. In today's anti-social media world, you can be pilloried not only for what you said but for what some jerk thinks you might have said.

DOES anybody have a backstop to prevent the endless use of the word "backstop"?

TALKING POINT

Horror of horrors this is all down to us

ONCE a year it is legitimate, in fact encouraged, for children to don terrifying masks and demand money with menaces from people sitting in their own homes.

As darkness falls, a knock comes at the door as, what is often a pack of ghoulish, little creatures, sneer 'trick or treat'. The 'victim' must then pay up with a treat of some kind or face retribution – an egging being the most popular trick.

It sounds almost barbarian doesn't it? But this acceptable form of robbery is sold to us as harmless Halloween fun.

It is easy to blame yet more of the American culture sweeping over the Atlantic. Not to mention the commercial infiltration which sees our high streets filled with Halloween costumes, banners, treats etc. But in fact, Britain is the birthplace of Halloween with the tradition having begun as the Festival of Samhain and part of the ancient Celtic religion.

The Celts believed that at the end of summer, the barrier between our world and the spirit world got really thin and ghouls could wander the Earth. So the festival was essentially a huge party to scare away the spirits.

Trick or treating actually goes back, in some form, to the 16th century in Britain. So though we may grumble about the expense, the repeated knocks at the door on October 31, and the requirement on parents to escort their little muggers on trick-or-treat escapades, we only have ourselves to blame.

But actually this British tradition can actually be fun. I always enjoyed the costume drama of dressing up my children. I liked to decorate the house and have a cauldron full of sweets ready. However, there is a 'but' – and that is the worry it poses for the elderly and vulnerable.

How terrifying must it be to look out of your window and see someone in one of those horrid 'Scream' masks for example.

Parents and children must be sensible when trawling the streets looking for 'trick or treat' targets. Decorated homes clearly invite callers but if they look like an elderly person may live there, perhaps a bungalow, don't be a nuisance.

If the door is not answered promptly walk away. Try to stay close to home where you are more familiar with neighbours.

While the children may be having a scream, remember to others they are frightening young terrors demanding money with menaces.

May everyone have the Halloween they hope for and only the spirits be frightened away.

DIANE DAVIES

Parker Knoll • Sherborne • Ercol • G-Plan • Willis Gambier
AUTUMN DISCOUNT EVENT
NOW ON
The most competitive prices in the Midlands on all leading brands
Free delivery within 100 miles of Store and free removal of old
3 Floors of fine furniture from today's leading manufacturers
Family run for 90 years
Pargeters High Street, Stourbridge | Tel: 01384 394176 | www.pargetersfurniture.co.uk
FREE CUSTOMER CAR PARK AT REAR
• Bradley • Bridgecraft • Cintique • Collins & Hayes • Duresta • Old Charm •
• Strongbow • Nathan • Sutcliffe • Titchmarsh and Goodwin • Wade • Vale •

TimberTim Ltd
Professional Tree Surgeon
Established in 2002, Timber Tim Ltd is a Professional Tree Surgeon based in the West Midlands and dedicated to providing the highest levels of tree services, customer care and satisfaction for a variety of individuals and organisations in the West Midlands.
We specialise in the following
Trees Felled, Dismantled & Reduced
Stump Grinding
Storm Damage Repair
24-Hour Callout Service
Local Authority Contracts
Site Clearances
Free No Obligation Quotes
Fully Insured
Mobile: 07970 618 998
Tel: 01384 594 270
Web: www.timbertim.co.uk Email: tim@timbertim.co.uk

The Brexit elite aim to reduce workers' rights and conditions in a poorer Britain

BREXITERS want a deal that lets them undermine employment rights.

Rees-Mogg says he cannot "support all the employment rights that come from Europe"; for Liam Fox it's "unsustainable to believe that workplace rights should remain untouchable"; Johnson adds "the weight of employment regulation is now backbreaking".

Secondly, these Brexiters even doubt the economic benefits of Brexit.

Liam Fox told the Times "Brexit… is not a guarantee that everything is going to be rosy on the other side". Rees-Mogg admitted it may be 50 years before we see the benefits of Brexit. By then most of us will be long gone – and not because we can move abroad like wealthy Brexiters!

Rees-Mogg's firm is allegedly moving some operations to Ireland and John Redwood has apparently advised his moneyed clients to move funds out of the UK. So much for patriotism.

Workers and others committed to Britain did not vote for the country to become poorer, have their employment rights reduced and working conditions made worse. Yet this is where these Brexiters are leading us.

It's nothing like what they promised.

It's time we took back control. We need a final say with a people's vote on the final deal when it comes.

HUGH WILLIAMS
Stourbridge

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POST
Dudley Chronicle,
Chronicle Editorial,
51-53 Queen Street
Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES

EMAIL
dudley.chrons@expressandstar.co.uk

Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

Code of Practice:
Our policy is to correct errors as soon as we can.
The Chronicles adhere to the Editors' Code of Practice, which can be seen at www.ipso.co.uk.
If you are unhappy with the accuracy of a story, write to The Editor, Chronicles, 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

ipso. For press freedom with responsibility

If we cannot reach a resolution contact Ipso at complaints@ipso.co.uk or by post at Ipso, c/o Gate House, 1 Farringdon Street, London, EC4M 7LG

Life should mean life for ISIS

THE news that a number of ISIS supporters will soon be released from prison is bad enough, but the fact that the tax-payer will have to pay huge sums of money for surveillance adds insult to injury.

Why should we pay such amounts for the liberty of people who seek to destroy our liberty?

Terrorism destroys families and circles of friends for ever. Those who are lost have no liberty.

I am not in favour of capital punishment, but I do believe that the punishment should fit the crime.

Therefore anyone convicted of being involved in terrorism at any level should suffer a punishment in keeping with the suffering of their victims and their families.

They should face life imprisonment without access to communications with their friends and families until they die.

MICHAEL CLIFF
Wall Heath

Fracking could ease pressure on energy

THE UK imports about 59 per cent of its gas supply. Much comes from Norway but we do import Russian gas. It seems sensible to me to have a strongly controlled fracking industry in this country to provide cover in emergencies until we can provide much more from wind farms and solar panels, etc.

We imported Russian gas earlier in the year following an unusual cold spell and we need to do everything possible to reduce our levels of imports which often have to be paid in US dollars and Euros.

Fracking should not become the norm, but it will ease the pressure during periods of unusual demand.

ROGER WATTS
Walsall

Strictly, it takes two to stray

STRICTLY stars Seann and Katya – what a fuss about their snog in public, allegedly outside a pub. It's certainly not possible to apportion blame. It takes two.

First of all, it has to be said that there is nothing 'strictly' about Strictly Come Dancing, it is simply an entertainment show, the more glitzy and sexy the better, with the females in the scantiest clothes they can find.

The Cha Cha Cha is announced or the Charleston but what follows is nothing like a Cha Cha Cha or the Charleston, except for a remotely choreographed improvised movement occasionally.

Practising these close-contact clinches and lifts, etc, for hours on end every week is sure to lead to other things by their very nature for some (but by no means all). 'Come Dancing' of yesteryear was worthy of the prefix 'Strictly'.

PAULINE POOLE
Willenhall

HagleyKitchens
Beautiful Kitchens, Bathrooms and Bedrooms, designed with imagination and fitted with care

"A really handsome Kitchen...
...beautiful Bosch appliances and a super 'Boiling-water Tap' completed on time without any problems at all" Pauline Burgess, Droitwich

"Hagley Kitchens took care of everything in our fantastically designed modern kitchen... ...Graham and his team made everything simple." Pam & Steve Hughes, Rowley Regis

"Graham gave us our perfect kitchen, a great local company." Danni & Martin Walters, Hasbury

"Hagley Kitchens created the kitchen we have always dreamed of, and his team completed the installation and tiling to a perfect finish... Thank You." Wayne & Julie, Wordsley

"Nothing was too much trouble" Doreen Coley - Hayley Green

Call Graham Edmonds for your 'FREE', no obligation new Hagley Kitchen's design
07776 207596

Black Country Made
over 40 Years of Happy Customers

Guaranteed unbeatable on price
www.HagleyKitchens.co.uk

INSTALLATION • TILING • GAS • ELECTRIC • PLUMBING • BUILDING

CONTEMPORARY & ELEGANT
Bi-fold doors
Fitted Aluminium or uPVC
From £1800 fitted

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TODAY

Full Range of the Latest Composite Doors

From £550 fitted

ENTERPRISE GLASS & GLAZING Ltd
of Brierley Hill

Enterprise Glass and Glazing Ltd are based in the Brierley Hill area of the West Midlands and since the early 1980's have built a reputation as a leading installer of quality windows, conservatories and doors direct to the public.

MISTED UNITS?
Replacements,
Glass cut to size...
Telephone today
Free Quotation
01384 571217

Design & Service You Can Trust!

Find us at: Vine Street, Brierley Hill DY5 1JE Telephone: 01384 571217 and talk to us today
Fax: 01384 571427 Email: sales@enterpriseglazing.co.uk www.enterpriseglazing.co.uk

AKAI BRAUN BOSCH Breville CARMEN DeLonghi dyson Elgento Fwbank itek KENWOOD

FRIDGE FREEZERS FROM £175

TEASMADE ONLY £30

MINI JUKE BOX ONLY £40

RADIATORS FROM £10

MICROWAVES FROM £25

SLOW COOKERS FROM £10

BEAN TO CUP COFFEE MAKER FROM £40

MIXERS FROM £40

STEAM GENERATOR IRONS FROM £20

TEA URNS FROM £30

TOASTERS FROM £10

UPRIGHT VACUUMS FROM £25

CYLINDER VACUUMS FROM £20

PAN SETS FROM £15

KETTLES FROM £10

DAILY OFFERS

MONDAY

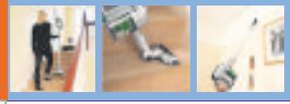
10% OFF
ALL FIRES ON PRODUCTION OF ADVERT

TUESDAY

HALOGEN OVENS ONLY £30
ON PRODUCTION OF ADVERT

WEDNESDAY

MORPHY RICHARDS CORDLESS SLEEK VACUUM
RRP £129 **OUR PRICE £50**
ON PRODUCTION OF ADVERT



THURSDAY

ANY SOUP MAKER £25
PRODUCTION OF ADVERT

FRIDAY

GREEN ENERGY CERAMIC RADIATOR
SHOP PRICE £220
OUR PRICE FROM £100
SAVE 10% ON PRODUCTION OF ADVERT

SATURDAY

10% OFF
OFF ALL SALES OVER £30

kettleandtoasterman.co.uk

Kettle and Toaster Man

TRADE WAREHOUSE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Unit 2C Albion Works Moor Street Brierley Hill DY5 3SZ

MANY MORE OFFERS IN STORE

Tel: 01384 483 286
Mon - Fri 0730 - 1600
Sat - 0800 - 1200

find us on facebook

OFFER EXPIRES 27/10/18
SC

AKAI BRAUN BOSCH Breville CARMEN DeLonghi dyson Elgento Fwbank itek KENWOOD

Meet a RITA made to help stroke patients

Cyril Barratt with stroke co-ordinator Bal Lelli and Simon Terry, Arvinder Hothi, stroke lead nurse Donna Salt and Paul Bough

PATIENTS recovering from a stroke will receive state-of-the-art therapy in Dudley thanks to a donation of more than £9,000 from former workers at a Wolverhampton tyre factory.

Members of the Goodyear Workers Benevolent Fund were invited to meet staff on the stroke unit at Russells Hall Hospital to see how their donation has made improvements to the unit's therapy room.

The group saw a demonstration of Reminiscence Interactive Therapy and Activities (RITA) software – a form of cognitive therapy which helps patients with dementia and has also proved valuable to support the recovery of stroke patients.

Bal Lelli, stroke co-ordinator for the unit, said: "We understand providing the right environment alongside meaningful activities really makes a difference in enhancing our patients' experience. RITA is much more than just a computer or piece of software – RITA helps brighten our patients' day.

"It can encourage conversation and interaction between patients, their family and staff. We are so grateful for this grant which allows us to have a dedicated RITA on our stroke unit."

The grant also enabled the purchase of two dementia-friendly privacy screens, which make the space less clinical and can help relax patients.

WINDOWS, DOORS & CONSERVATORIES.
ORANGERIES, PORCHES, FASCIAS, SOFFITS & GUTTERING

AUTUMN SALE

QUALITY GUARANTEED
We offer a lifetime guarantee and also a 10 year insurance backed guarantee on installations so you can be confident that in the unlikely event of something going wrong with your windows, doors or conservatory you'll be fully covered.

OUR PROMISE
No deposits or stage payments, you can pay when the installation has been completed.

CLEANING SERVICES
Conservatory valet service, guttering, fascia's and soffits cleaned UPVC windows/doors & frames. Block paving & driveway cleaning.

Call now for a free no obligation quote from a company established over 33 years.
Massive Savings available on November Installations

RYDALE
www.rydalewindows.co.uk

Call us on
0800 917 6060

Rydale house,
Long Lane, Blackheath
Halesowen, B62 9LS
Email:
reception@rydalewindows.co.uk

Monday - Friday
09:00 - 17:30
Saturday
09:00 - 16:00

Geoff Hill Ltd

GAS AND ELECTRICAL SUPERSTORE

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
TEL : 01384 395852
www.geoffhillltd.co.uk
7 High Street, Amblecote, Stourbridge
West Midlands, DY8 4DE

4 GREAT DEALS FOR THIS WEEK

Hotpoint

THIS WEEKS DEAL £169.95

7KG, TUMBLE DRYER
FREESTANDING 7KG LOAD VENTED TUMBLE DRYER WITH MANUAL TIMER CONTROL
DRY IT

Hotpoint

THIS WEEKS DEAL £249.95

1400 SPIN, WASHER
FREESTANDING 7KG LOAD, DIGITAL DISPLAY, DELAY TIMER, A++ RATED
GET YOUR FREE BOX OF ARIEL POWDER
WASH IT

Hotpoint

THIS WEEKS DEAL £449.95

60CM ELECTRIC COOKER
FREESTANDING WITH DOUBLE OVEN, TIMER CONTROL, CERAMIC FOUR ZONE HOB
COOK IT

Hotpoint

THIS WEEKS DEAL £279.95

55CM FRIDGE FREEZER
FREESTANDING WITH FOUR FREEZER DRAWERS, FULL DOOR STORAGE, A+ RATED
COOL IT

Found Cheaper Elsewhere ? We Aim Not to be Beaten, Just Give Us a Call !

BOSCH Invented for life · dyson · INDESIT · Hotpoint · RANGEmaster · SIEMENS · smeg · Whirlpool · ZANUSSI

GEOFF HILL GAS & ELECTRICAL SUPERSTORE SUPPLYING THE WEST MIDLANDS FOR OVER 50 YEARS

EPIC

WINDOWS & CONSERVATORIES LTD

- FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTE
- WE MANUFACTURE TO THE TRADE & PUBLIC
- WE ARE A FAMILY RUN BUSINESS

Imagine the perfect conservatory, that you can use all year round.

Replace your old roof with a thermally insulated lightweight tiled warm roof.

6 WINDOWS, ANY SIZE IN WHITE UPVC
FULLY FITTED
(1 OPENING PER WINDOW)
JUST £1,800
T/C APPLY

FREEPHONE 08000 88 70 70
www.epicconservatories.com

PORCHES £2,800 COMPLETE

CONSERVATORIES
Fully Fitted FROM £4,995

Supporters ensure a busy weekend for Zac

Zac and his family were special guests at Molineux for the Wolves match against Watford on Saturday

IT was a busy weekend for four-year-old Zac Oliver who has captured the hearts of the nation.

The youngster from Shropshire hit the headlines as his family fought to raise the £500,000 needed to fund special cancer treatment in America.

Since then, supporters, including X Factor music mogul Simon Cowell and an anonymous donor who handed over a huge £100,000, have come together to help smash that target.

On Saturday, Zac was a special guest at Molineux as Wolves took on Watford, which saw the home team beaten 2-0. Wolves legend Steve Bull was on hand to greet the youngster and his family.

Therapy

His parents, Hannah and Mark, are making preparations to take Zac to Philadelphia where he can undergo CAR-T therapy unavailable on the NHS for his rare form of leukaemia, called near-haploid. They are continuing with fundraising to cover the costs of support treatment after Zac's therapy.

On Sunday a convoy of lorries travelled from Zac's home town of Broseley to Telford via Bridgnorth to raise further funds. Zac and his parents rode in one of the lorries, to Telford International Centre. More than 100 trucks took part, sounding their horns.

Splashing Out on a New Bathroom?

"Our company is owned and run by local tradesmen meaning the work is carried out properly and on time. We strive to keep our prices as low as possible in order to keep within the budgets of retired, disabled and working families which make up 95% of our customers"

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER FITTING DATES NOW BEING RESERVED

Our Prices won't Burst your Bubble

EXAMPLE FULL JOB FOR £3950
90x90 Quadrant Cubicle
with low level tray
15 SQM Wall Tiles
Tiled Floor
Replacement Shower
New Basin & WC
EXTRA DISCOUNT FOR OUR RETIRED & DISABLED CUSTOMERS

DISABLED SPECIAL
Are you having problems getting in & out of your bath? We will remove the Bath & Fit an easy access low level round, square or oblong cubicle & Tiled inside. Supply a new replacement shower A Folding Seat & Grab Rail
ALL FOR ONLY £2150.00

TRADESMEN OWN & RUN THIS COMPANY

VAT FREE IN QUALIFYING CASES

WE PROMISE A VISIT & AN 'ON THE SPOT PRICE' WITHIN 48 HOURS OF YOUR CALL (Daytime & Weekend visits a pleasure)

WE DO THE LOT IN 5 DAYS

YOUR CHOICE BATHROOMS

Unit 4, Charterfield Shopping Centre, Charterfield Drive, Kingswinford DY6 7SH
01384 287222
Showroom also at: 39, Lichfield Road, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton WV11 1TW
01902 861908
www.yourchoice-bathrooms.co.uk

VISA MasterCard

SHOWROOMS OPEN 9am-5pm 6 Days a Week

ColourFence Dudley

Professionally installed fencing, gates & railings
For a FREE, no obligation quote & survey contact 07875 350 259

ColourFence steel fencing solutions are virtually maintenance free, with just an occasional wash down being all that is needed to look as good as new for at least 25 years!* Available, with or without trellis in a range of colours to suit any garden. The best news is that pricing is just as attractive. Starting costs are in line with comparible traditional systems but offer the on going peace of mind that your investment will continue to save time and money year after year. For those of us who love our gardens, ColourFence promise a lifetime of hassle-free enjoyment.

ColourFence
- The perfect solution for privacy
- Virtually maintenance free
- Variety of colours
- Heights of up to 2.1m
- Withstand winds of 130mph
- 25 year guarantee*

ColourRail
- A cost effective alternative to wrought or cast iron railings
- Ideal for front gardens
- Variety of finishes & colours
- Bespoke sizes available
- 10 year guarantee*

T: 01384 594 791 M: 07875 350 259
www.colourfencedudley.co.uk
*full terms & conditions on website or on request

ARISTOCRAFT
kitchens & bedrooms
- Established 1982 -

Autumn SALE

35% OFF ALL
KITCHENS & BEDROOMS.
BUY NOW PAY
NOTHING
UNTIL 2019*

+

WITH
EVERY
KITCHEN
A FREE AEG
DISHWASHER^

AN ARISTOCRAFT CUSTOMER KITCHEN
This is a photo of a genuine Aristocraft customers kitchen. Now you can see the quality we guarantee
Mr & Mrs M - Halesowen

MERRY HILL SHOWROOM :
MON - SAT / 9AM TIL 5PM LATE UNTIL 7PM THURS
01384 262 710
www.aristocraftkitchensandbedrooms.co.uk

Merry Hill Showroom:
21-22 Enterprise Trading Estate,
Brierley Hill, West Midlands, DY5 1TX

BRITISH INSTITUTE OF KBB INSTALLATION PARTNER

REVIEWS.co.uk

COME
SEE US AT
GRAND DESIGNS
10th - 14th OCTOBER
STAND
K / 230

*OR AFTER 12 MONTHS SPREAD THE COST & PAY MONTHLY AT 19.9%APR REPRESENTATIVE**

^ MINIMUM SPEND £5000 + VAT EXCLUDING FITTING

**Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Bucklescale Limited, 17 Sapcote Trading Centre, Powke Lane, Cradley Heath B64 5QR act as a credit broker and not the lender. Credit is provided by Hitachi Personal Finance, a division of Hitachi Capital (UK) PLC authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

36 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

Debenhams likely to axe one in three of its stores

STRUGGLING department store Debenhams is preparing a radical overhaul of its 200-year-old business that could see it close some of its stores.

By James Pugh

The company, which announces annual results today (Thursday), is understood to have identified around a third of its 166 stores for possible closure. Debenhams has stores in at Brierley Hill's Merry Hill centre, the Bullring in Birmingham, Kidderminster, Lichfield and opened in Wolverhampton's Mander Centre last year.

It is also understood to be preparing a significant write-down of its goodwill – the way companies account for their inherent value – that would result in a one-off charge of several hundred millions of pounds.

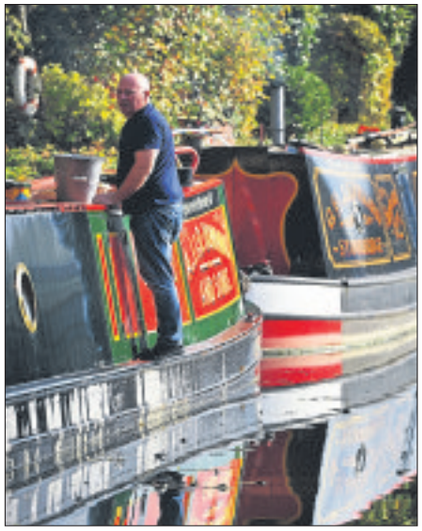
The department store, which has posted a string of profit warnings this year, is seeking to make around £100 million in savings. Scrapping the dividend will save about £30m.

Managers are also weighing proposals to save £70m by reducing capital expenditure. The extent of Debenhams' store closures will depend on negotiations with landlords.

It is thought the chain could shrink to around 100 outlets over coming years. The restructuring, set to be outlined alongside Debenhams' results, follows the arrival of Rachel Osborne as finance director last month. She is likely to emphasise that any write-down relates to non-cash items only and is not a reflection of recent overall performance.

Debenhams is battling with expensive leases signed in more buoyant retail times. Debenhams chief executive Sergio Bucher said: "After our people, property is our biggest cost and, right now, it is our biggest challenge."

Canal cavalcade marks anniversary



Canal boats lined up along the water's edge for the Stourbridge Navigation Trust weekend at Stourbridge

DOZENS of boats moored along the canal for Stourbridge Navigation Trust's annual open weekend.

The event was at the town's Bonded Warehouse and along the canal.

The trust's 35th open weekend also included classic vehicles, traction engines, amusements, canal boat trips, fairground organs and a craft fair.

Heide Barratt, from the trust, said: "We were very pleased with how the event went – the weather certainly helps but large crowds turned up over the duration of the day with the afternoon seeing Canal Street jammed with people enjoying the array of stalls and attractions."

David Bosworth took his 1920 Garrett engine down for the weekend.

He said: "It was actually owned by the Saddler brothers at Stourbridge dock and operated there. I wanted to bring it back to its old stomping ground.

Worcestershire Prostate Awareness Group
(Registered charity:1162929)
Patron: Lord Faulkner of Worcester

FREE P.S.A. BLOOD TESTS FOR MEN AGED OVER 45

St. George's Hall
Load Street
Bewdley
DY12 2EQ

Tuesday 13th November 2018
Any time from
6.00pm to 9.00pm

HERE'S A CHANCE FOR YOU TO CHECK THE HEALTH OF YOUR PROSTATE

Sponsored by The Worcestershire Ambassadors & Councillor Roger Coleman - The Mayor of Bewdley

Whole lotta hope for city's charity art auction

Artist Louise Cobbold with her painting of rock music legend and Wolves fan Robert Plant, which is up for auction

A CHARITY art auction will feature work by the Wolves match day programme artist.

A number of artworks will be up for grabs at the auction in Birmingham on November 20 and there's a 'Whole Lotta Love' for a painting going under the hammer of Led Zeppelin legend and celebrity Wolves fan Robert Plant.

The piece depicting the iconic rock-star was created by Louise Cobbold, the artist who has previously raised money for Cure Leukaemia through her paintings of Wolves players.

These same paintings, that feature captain Conor Coady and manager Nuno Espírito Santo, among others, have been used for the match day programmes for Wolves' home fixtures this season.

More than 50 artworks have been donated by artists across the UK for the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists (RBSA) charity auction. The event is being run by Bonhams and is in collaboration with Deutsche Bank Birmingham and Cure Leukaemia and is being held at Deutsche Bank's Brindleyplace headquarters.

Tickets to the auction cost £10 and will go to Cure Leukaemia, with proceeds from the sales to the RBSA.

DESIGNED | PLANNED | INSTALLED

01384 279997 | 01902 292799

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Finance Now Available

EXTENSIONS
LOFT CONVERSIONS
CONSERVATORIES
WINDOWS/DOORS

TRADES
BRICKLAYING
CARPENTRY
PLUMBING
ELECTRICAL,
GROUNDWORK ETC

EXAMPLE JOB
- Shower enclosure or bath
- New shower/basin/wc
- 15 sqm wall and floor tiling
- Debris removed

Only £3850.00

FREE-NO OBLIGATION
CALL OUT & QUOTE FOR U

U DREAM IT WE BUILD IT (correctly)

STALLINGS LANE, KINGSWINFORD DY6 7AP | Email: info@serenitykitchensbathrooms.co.uk
www.serenitykitchensbathrooms.co.uk

CALL IN TODAY TO SEE OUR RANGE

HURRY - IT WON'T LAST FOREVER!

IF YOU CAN'T COME TO US WE WILL COME TO YOU

- BEDS AND MATTRESSES TO CLEAR FROM JUST £69
- FULL RANGE OF SIZES
- WE DELIVER FREE OF CHARGE
- WE EVEN TAKE AWAY YOUR OLD MATTRESS AND BEDS FREE OF CHARGE

A Large Selection of Recliners and Riser Recliners also available FROM £495

Visit our newly refurbished Showroom to make the most of our fantastic offers

Up to £1000 part exchange for your old Suite

Free Delivery and Removal of your old Bed and Furniture

when they're gone, they're gone...

8 Stallings Lane, Kingswinford DY6 7HU

Tel: 01384 295660

Open: Mon-Sat 10am - 5pm | Sun 10.30am - 4.30pm

Dreamworld Furniture

QUALITY KITCHEN FACELIFTS

A fresh approach to a new kitchen

why replace when you can reface?

- Trusted reputation
- Made to measure custom-built doors and units
- Door swaps to full kitchens - tailored to your needs

www.dreamdoors.co.uk

DREAM DOORS®
NEW LIFE FOR OLD KITCHENS

View our credentials on Checkatrade.com

Call Gary For a Free Estimate
01384 466991
dy@dreamdoors.co.uk
26 Lower High Street, Stourbridge, DY8 1TA

Rum business toasts a £30k investment

A CRAFT rum business is toasting its success after winning £30,000 investment from the Black Country's Richardson business family.

The announcement came at the Trafalgar business leaders dinner backed by the Richardsons at Hagley Hall last week.

Burning Barn smoked rum was launched by Katherine Jenner three years ago, inspired by a severe fire at the family farm at Hampton-in-Arden, near Solihull. Although firecrews saved their house, the barn was utterly destroyed.

From the ashes Katherine was inspired to launch her own brand of fiery smoked rum and was one of three businesses shortlisted for the Richardson investment after a pitch competition at Birmingham's Venturefest event last month.

Rum was the traditional drink of the Royal Navy down the ages and this project would have won the approval of British naval hero Lord Nelson, whose victory at the Battle of Trafalgar was being celebrated.

The Richardson's Oldbury-based property and investment business was keen to support an emerging and innovative young business from the region.

Chris O' Connor, investment director of BCL Partners, speaking on behalf of the Richardson Foundation, said: "We want to support early stage businesses.

"All three finalists are really promising but we felt that the investment would have the greatest benefit for Burning Barn."

A delighted Katherine said: "This means we can expand and take on more people. It takes us a big step forward."

The other finalists were Birmingham sisters Reena and Geeta Sidhan, who launched the Green Sisters range of allergen-free Indian snacks, and Coventry's Jeff Zhang who's Beacon Helmet uses laser technology to improve safety.

Katherine Jenner's smoked rum has investment from the Richardson Foundation

The latest investment, through the Richardson Brothers Foundation, underlines the new direction of the family business.

Built as a property empire by Roy Richardson and his late twin brother Don, Roy's sons Martyn, Lee and Carl have been at the helm for the past 20 years expanding the range of the business, which operates across the UK and around the world.

The Richardson family now have investments in companies ranging from a New Zealand avocado producer, a British vineyard producing award-winning sparkling wine, the Pikish health drink brand and a forestry and gardening equipment company.

Carl Richardson told guests at the dinner: "Supporting new young talent as it enters the workforce and backing local entrepreneurs in a dynamic and flexible West Midlands business environment helps us all to deal with the challenges ahead and to make the most of the opportunities presented."

Heart and 'sole' show

For ladies, gentlemen and those who haven't made their mind up – a scene from Kinky Boots at the Grand Theatre this week

Kinky Boots, Wolverhampton Grand

Bling and bootiful with lots of heart and sole, this West End musical strode into the Grand with plenty of glitz, glamour and confident swagger.

Certainly, the Wolverhampton audience were on their feet to give this hit show a standing ovation and more than two hours of entertainment.

It is based on a film that was itself based on a true story about a failing Northampton shoe factory that was rescued when it discovered a niche market creating sexy women's boots for men.

This gleefully outrageous show featuring a troupe of dazzling female impersonators – the Angels – is turbo-driven by new songs written by 80s pop icon Cyndia Lauper and a sharp-tongued script from actor and writer Harvey Fierstein. It revolves around the fabulous Lola, the flamboyant and audacious high-heeled drag queen persona of mild-mannered Simon from Clacton. Lola is persuaded to turn designer by other lead character Charlie, who has been forced by circumstance to take over the family business.

Both, it transpires, are living in their father's shadows and together they find acceptance.

On Wednesday Lola was played by Kayi Uche rather than the anticipated star Callum Francis but the standby rose to the occasion with a five-star performance, in which he was equally adept at power ballads and disco numbers.

Joe Harper-Jackson was also compelling as Charlie with strong support from Helen Tarnent as his disappointed fiancee and an excellent comic turn from Paula Lane as lovesick worker Lauren. She squeezed every ounce of humour from her big number The History of Wrong Guys.

There was a technical hitch on the night which delayed the act one closing number by ten minutes. But it was worth the wait for Everybody Say Yeah, in which the factory conveyor belt was turned into a catwalk/travelator on which the cast show some very fancy footwork.

The supporting cast also includes Staffordshire's former X Factor finalist Niki Evans as factory worker Trish, showing she has acting skills to go with that soulful voice.

Kinky Boots is at the Grand until Saturday.

Leon Burakowski

AUTUMN SPECIALS

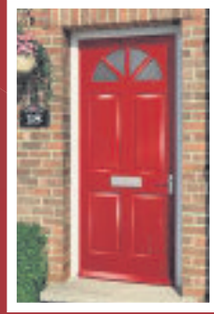
- Top Quality A Rated
- Products At Great Prices
- Yale Locking Systems
- Swish Window & Door Systems
- Payment On Completion
- Full 10 Year Guarantee
- No Deposit Required

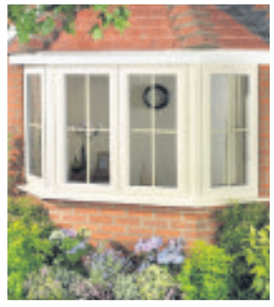
Call us NOW

Make the right choice for your new windows, conservatories, orangeries and porches.

Carera do not use high pressure salesmen, it has had the same owner since it opened in 1989. Call them now for your **FREE** no obligation quotations. Our visit takes approximately 20-30 minutes

Visit our large beautiful showroom with all products on display for a warm welcome





Proud to have worked with

WINDOWS · DOORS · PORCHES · ORANGERIES · CONSERVATORIES

CARERA WINDOWS LTD
The Recommended Company

24, Junction Rd, Audnam, Stourbridge DY8 4YJ

Telephone: **01384 442 490**

www.carerawindows.co.uk

Yale

FENSA Registered Company

Secured by Design

KIDDERMINSTER

THE TOWN HALL 1855 KIDDERMINSTER

TICKETS FROM KIDDERMINSTER TOWN HALL
Vicar Street DY10 1DB Tel: 01562 732158
www.kidderminstertownhall.org.uk
Email: Boxoffice@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

Christmas in the Town Hall

For the second year running, Kidderminster Town Council is delighted to present *Christmas in the Town Hall* on Saturday 8th December.

This free festive event in the prestigious Town Hall building hopes to put a bit of sparkle in your Christmas countdown!

Come and visit Father Christmas and receive a free gift. Taking a quick break from the North Pole, he will be in the Mayor's Parlour from 10:00am until 4:00pm this year with his very friendly elves! Just make sure you have your Christmas lists at the ready!

In the beautiful King Charles Room, come and view our wide selection of craft stalls. Kidderminster Town Council is pleased to support local businesses so come and browse for a few handmade presents. From items like wooden decorations, book folds, jewellery and personalised gifts there will be something for everyone. Light festive refreshments will also be available to purchase.

To view all upcoming events provided by Kidderminster Town Council, don't forget to like our social media pages or view our website on www.kidderminstertowncouncil.gov.uk

Wolfsbane

Wolfsbane were formed in 1984 in Tamworth, England. They signed to Def American records, and Rick Rubin produced their first album, Live Fast, Die Fast, released in 1989. Prior to this they had recorded three demos entitled Wolfsbane (1985), Dancin' Dirty (1987) and Wasted but Dangerous (1988). This last one, recorded at Square Dance Studios, Derby, U.K., illustrates the band in its youngest, rawest state. They were the supporting act for Iron Maiden's UK division of their No Prayer on the Road tour in 1990.

Wolfsbane's second release, an EP titled All Hell's Breaking Loose Down at Little Kathy Wilson's Place, was released the same year.

The band's second full studio album Down Fall the Good Guys, was released in 1991, giving them their only UK Chart entry with their single "Ezy" charting at No. 68. Being an English band, signed to an American record label did not work out well for them. Def American dropped Wolfsbane as they felt that the band were not selling well enough. This did not stop the band from being voted as the UK's best unsigned act in 1993. The same year, the band released a live album, Massive Noise Injection, through the Bronze Company label.

The band released their third studio album, often considered to be the band's best work, the self-titled Wolfsbane, in 1994, again on the Bronze Company label. A limited edition of this album included the EP Everything Else.

However, when Bruce Dickinson left Iron Maiden, Blaze Bayley got the audition as their new singer and left Wolfsbane later on that year. Wolfsbane disbanded as a result.

Jason Edwards, Jeff Hateley, and Steve 'Danger' Ellett, the remaining members of Wolfsbane, joined with Jez Spencer to form the band Stretch in 1995. They released a 6-track mini-album World of Stretch on the Cottage Industry label.

Quill

It's really not that often that a band can lay claim to a consistent, continuous gig sheet that goes back to the 70's. That's rare. And it is exceptionally rare to see a band grow in status, adding new members with great skills and eloquent musicianship, and developing in new and adventurous directions. But that is exactly what has happened with Quill.

Quill who hit the stage as a seven piece, once again featuring Bev Bevan (The Move, ELO, Black Sabbath.) on percussion, are bursting with fresh creativity. A Quill set takes you on a journey through a unexpectedly wide range of powerful story telling material. The songs are delivered with imagination and lyrical beauty, all shot through with the presence and ease that only real stage craft can bring.

It's not easy to sum up any band in a few words, but Quill make it especially tricky. When you draw on deep diverse musical sources and when long lifetimes of experience inform your stage craft and presentation, interesting things can and do happen.

Dirty/DC

Dirty/DC have been playing throughout the UK and Europe since 1988 and have developed a lineup and stage show that has made their reputation seriously strong amongst AC/DC fans, whether die hard fanatics or people who just want a good night out. Every visual detail has been fine tuned from the wall of Marshalls to Angus's footwear, but most importantly the music delivery and stage show has an impact regularly described as 'Awesome'!. Dirty/DC give real value for money with a full 2 hour+ show with all the AC/DC favourites from both Bon and Brian eras. So, if you love AC/DC and really want to rock - Rock up to a Dirty/DC show soon!

See more info at **dirtydc.co.uk**

TICKETS from
KIDDERMINSTER TOWN HALL
Vicar St. DY10 1DB
Tel:01562 732158
www.kidderminstertownhall.org.uk
Email:Boxoffice@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

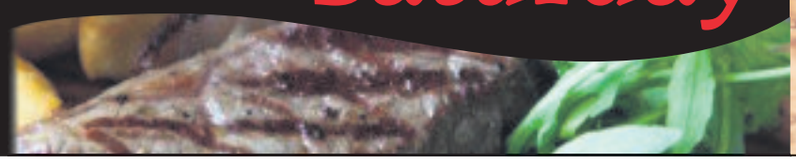
Island Pool

The Island Pool

Kidderminster Road, Cookley
Tel: 01562 850311
info@theislandpool.net

NEW
TWO for ONE
BOOK NOW
All day Saturday

The Island Pool, Kidderminster Road,
Cookley DY10 3RX
Tel: 01562 850311 www.theislandpool.net
Cheapest meal free from our new 2for1 menu. Excludes carvery & breakfast. Cannot be used with any other offer.



NEW!
For Saturday Nights
'2'
Meals for the price of
'1'
THE REAL DEAL

& Wyre Forest The Hidden Gem

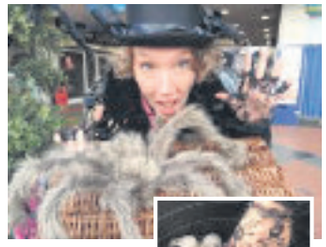
The Wyre Forest is a fantastic attraction which includes the market towns of Bewdley, Kidderminster and Stourport-on-Severn. With many beautiful villages, historic houses and museums. It's home to the famous Severn Valley railway, which is a great family day out, plus the safari park.
Bewdley is a beautiful picturesque Georgian town set on the River Severn. It's full of splendid beamed buildings and packed with history.
Kidderminster is the home of the manufacture of carpets, with the imposing old mill buildings still around.
Kidderminster has three shopping centres, a twice weekly market and with its regeneration, new and exciting restaurants, pubs and cafes, with its hustle and bustle a busy place to visit.
The Riverside town of Stourport on Severn with its historic Canal Basin fairground and river boats is a must. The Wyre Forest itself is an unspoilt natural beauty, full of exciting paths, trails and wildlife.
All in all - The Wyre Forest really is a hidden gem that should be on your places to visit.

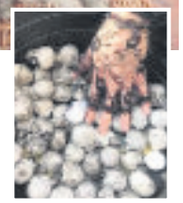
HALLOWEEN
AT THE SWAN CENTRE

The Swan Centre are hosting a Halloween event on Saturday 27th October 10am-4pm where younger shoppers can take part in some spooky art and craft activities. It's a chance for them to enjoy the atmosphere and excitement of Halloween in a safe and fun environment.

Children will be able to take part in slime making workshops, create their own witch or wizard hat and the brave at heart can dip into one of the special cauldrons to see if they can pull out a hidden object to win a prize.

Everyone is welcome to turn up in fancy dress and to pose in front of the haunting backdrop, toting must-have Halloween accessories.





All activities are FREE OF CHARGE.

BENCH ART
AT THE SWAN CENTRE

The fourth bench in the Swan Centre's bench art competition will be revealed on Saturday 24th November. The design on the bench heralds the arrival of the winter season and unveiling it marks the start of Christmas celebrations at the centre.

Younger shoppers will be invited to make their own Christmas stocking, write a letter to Santa and to enjoy a special cookie on the bench.

B. INCE
FUNERAL DIRECTOR
incorporating
G. THOMAS & SON
24 Hour Personal Service from
a family owned business
8 Severnside South,
Bewdley
Telephone Bewdley
01299 403105
Kidderminster
01562 822716
Member of S.A.I.F.
Golden Charter Pre-Paid Funeral Plans Available

woodrobes
Tel: 01562 825033
Specialists in bespoke fitted bedrooms
Established 1980
We manufacture our own high-quality sliders, combining space-saving with elegance in many beautiful and stylish designs.

We have recently added four new styles and six new finishes to our range. Pop in store to see them.
10 Year Guarantee
Our range of bespoke bedroom furniture is vast. With over 20 designs and 60 finishes and colours to choose from the number of design combinations is virtually endless.
12 months 0% finance available Ask in store for details
Check out our website at www.woodrobes.co.uk or visit us at 76 Mill Street Kidderminster. DY11 6XJ.

Garden Supplies Direct
Great Autumn Offers - Delivered to your door.

Order Now at: www.paulsgardensupplies.co.uk
Call, Email or visit our new website
Fast & Friendly Service
Call Paul on 01562 741820 / mobile 07704 346506
Email: gardensuppliesdirect@blueyonder.co.uk
www.paulsgardensupplies.co.uk
Delivery: £3 - Orders £25+ Delivered FREE!
Delivering Quality Products Since 2007

500 officers could go due to force's £20m pensions bill

WEST Midlands Police could be forced to shed nearly 500 officers after the Treasury hit it with a pensions bill of more than £20 million.

Chief Constable Dave Thompson warms that an 'utterly extraordinary' increase in force pensions contributions ordered by the Government could lead to a drastic reduction in officer numbers.

Mr Thompson has called for an emergency budget to address the proposal, which he says will cost the force £8.6m next year and a further £14m the year after.

He has accused ministers of 'getting their maths wrong' and warned that the changes would have 'a significant impact' on the level of policing.

It comes as West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson said cuts to the tune of £175m had been made to the force since 2010.

Crimewave

He says that the West Midlands needs £85m extra funding and 500 more officers to tackle the region's crimewave

Addressing the pensions decision at a meeting this week, Mr Thompson said: "This is utterly extraordinary. I don't think I have ever seen anything dropped on us at such short notice.

"There is a significant impact. There is a reduction of approaching 500 officers. Clearly our intention is not to do that, but lets be realistic, that is a huge amount of money we are talking about."

He said that police chiefs contacted the Treasury to raise 'serious concerns' but said that in terms of a response 'the silence had been deafening'. He added: "It is quite simply unreasonable what has been proposed."

Man dumped 26 tons of waste illegally

A MAN has been sentenced to 220 hours of unpaid work and pay more than £5,000 over charges relating to the illegal dumping of waste in the Black Country.

Adam David Orsler, from Solihull, appeared before Birmingham Magistrates Court, for illegally depositing 26 tonnes of general household waste on disused land in Smethwick on July 10, 2016.

He was sentenced to a 12 month community order and he is required to complete 220 hours of unpaid work.

He is also required to pay compensation to the land owner of £2,974, in addition to £2,000 prosecution costs and victim surcharge of £85.

When Environment Agency officers interviewed Mr Orsler, he admitted that he he had been paid £650 to collect the waste from a site in Dudley but had received no formal paperwork to carry out the job.

Popular TV comic to top Cornbow Hall bill

Deadpan and dead good puns – Milton Jones has a Halesowen gig

A POPULAR television comic is to perform in Halesowen next month.

One-liner specialist Milton Jones, who is a regular on radio and TV, including Mock The Week, will be top of the bill at the Cornbow Hall on November 24.

It will be the second Comedy At The Cornbow event following a hugely successful sell-out first show headlined by Canadian Tom Stade.

Jones will be supported by Paul Thorne and Gavin Webster, which is hosted by MC and Dudley comic Wayne Beese.

Doors open at 7pm on the night and tickets start at £18.50.

Meanwhile, TV comics Lost Voice Guy and Angelos Epithemiou will take centre stage when a Stourbridge pub hosts its second four-day comedy festival next month. They are among 13 professional acts who will perform as part of Fitz Fest 2, which will be held in the marquee at Katie Fitzgerald's in Wollaston from November 8 to 11.

Britain's Got Talent winner Lost Voice Guy is headlining the opening night, which has already sold out. Angelos, who appeared on Shooting Stars, will headline on November 10.

Tez Ilyas, who has appeared on Mock The Week and Man Like Mobeen, headlines November 9 and closing the festival on November 11 will be Paul Tonkinson, ex-host of The Big Breakfast. Tickets cost £15 each, plus fees. Visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/funnybeeseness for tickets.

Celebrating by building for the future

DUDLEY Building Society, based at Brierley Hill, is celebrating a strong performance so far this year with record lending to new house buyers.

Half way through its 160th year, the Dudley already racked up pre-tax profits of £912,000.

At the same time the society's total assets have grown to a record £419 million, resulting in the Dudley group moving up in the building society league tables.

Figures covering the period from the beginning of April to the end of September show the society has also achieved record growth in its lending and an increase in deposits from its retail savers.

Mortgage growth in the first half of the year has outpaced the rest of the UK market at 8.3 per cent as gross lending grew to a record £38m.

The healthy figures underline the success of the Dudley's transformation from a local building society to a national operator. Around 70 per cent of its mortgage borrowers now come from outside the West Midlands, although most of its savers are still based close to its five branches across the Black Country.

Popular

Chief executive Jeremy Wood said: "We are delighted to be announcing such strong half year results. I believe building societies are more popular than ever.

"We have been very clear about the way in which we have structured and delivered the growth in our business on behalf of our members. We have delivered on the ambition we set ourselves and returned profit levels that are essential to ensure the society's continued investment.

"It is a very competitive market, so to be doing what we are doing and to be achieving the results we are achieving is really quite outstanding. And it is providing jobs in the Black Country."

ADVERTISEMENT

A new life

Retired nurse Sheila got a new smile after a year of dental misery, husband Dave admits he too is now enjoying the life changes it's brought about.

When former specialist nurse Sheila Haycock finally found a solution for her failing teeth she quite literally received a prescription for a new life . . . and so did her husband, Dave.

Emotionally broken by a catalogue of dental disasters, for a whole year she suffered pain every day and her confidence plummeted. "Each day was a nightmare.

"Every day I'd have a new ulcer in my mouth. I couldn't eat properly, stopped going out and couldn't face looking at myself in a mirror – in fact, I'd cover them up.

"I'd speak and laugh with my hand in front of my mouth, avoid having my picture taken and couldn't chew properly – if I did go out, I'd always have to order lasagne because it was soft food," she recalls.

Terrified of dentist

Sheila's problems began when her natural teeth became mobile and braved her worst fears, having a full clearance to make way for an upper and lower denture.

Terrified of the dentist, she adds: "I thought it was impossible for things to get worse, but nothing could have prepared me for the next 12 months. The first time I took my teeth out and looked in the mirror, psychologically, I was beside myself.

Sheila and Dave Haycock - a new outlook on life

"I'd been so preoccupied with mastering my fear of the dentist, I hadn't worked through the impact of losing my teeth would have on me. It was devastating."

Initially, Dave confesses to "not being that helpful," explaining her native teeth "needed to go and to deal with it."

"I know, I told him," says Sheila, "but they were mine!"

Even the loss of a single tooth is now clinically recognised as a potential precursor for a mourning process.

Adds Dave: "She was upset and I felt utterly helpless. The guilt of it all . . .

I wanted to help, but couldn't. I could eat what ever I wanted, but she couldn't and every day – every day – there was a new problem to address."

Predictably *reassuring*

My experience with Steven and his team was the best. Getting the implants really is money well spent.
- Roy Phillpott

Steven's professionalism gave me the confidence and assurance that they could resolve my problem.
- Norma Aston

When I first saw my teeth I thought they looked just like my real teeth.
- Vicki Ball

Sheila, who specialised in wound dressings, admits she felt trapped, having been assured her jawbone density would be too poor to support implants.

"My dentures seemed to be rotating and rolling around and I hated the denture glue. I'd use it and as soon as I'd try to eat something, within 15 minutes my teeth would be unstable again. I was mortified having to use it over and over again. I was not coping."

Taking advice from her daughter, who had received a recommendation from a work colleague that North Street Dental and Implant Clinic could help, Sheila headed for Dudley.

"Within 15 minutes of walking in to the surgery Steven [practice principal Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng)] was helping me," she says.

As a temporary measure, an oral impression was taken and her painful dentures lined with a soft material that would help ease the discomfort and improve fit.

'Own teeth'

Sheila was prescribed a traditional top prosthetic and a lower over-denture, retained on two implants. The surgery was carried out under sedation by North Street's clinical lead, Owain Rees BDS DGDP(UK) Dip Imp Dent (UCL) GDC61576.

"All I can say is that it has completely changed my life. There's nothing I can't eat and the implant prosthetic doesn't feel false. It's comparable for me to my own teeth. When I first saw my new teeth in the mirror, I thought who's this person? They looked natural, just like real teeth," says Sheila.

Dave, a former civil engineer, adds: "She's completely different. It's been life-changing for me too and we can now get on with our retirement."

Both keen gardeners, they agree the financial investment is in a quality life choice."It's the best thing she's ever had done," adds Dave.

• Suction dentures • Complete dentures • Partial dentures • Copy dentures • Implant-retained dentures • Repairs service • Relines • Soft linings

North Street Dental and Implant Clinic
An Independent Practice

Offroad Parking · Wheelchair Friendly · Level Access · Find us on FACEBOOK

Call us today on
0800 0285185

Denture Clinic also available at:
Richmond House,
112 Richmond Road, Wolverhampton, WV3 9JJ

Denture Clinic

www.northstreetdentalclinic.co.uk
North St. Dental Clinic, 5 North Street, Dudley, West Midlands, DY2 7DT
www.denture-clinic.co.uk

October Sale

best ever

ON OUR **STUNNING**

kitchen makeovers

without the hassle of a traditional rip-out & re-fit!

Cherry®
Kitchen Makeovers

OUR **BEST OFFER EVER!**

25%

OFF REPLACEMENT DOORS

LIMITED TIME ONLY. T&CS APPLY.

plus Free flooring

WITH EVERY MAKEOVER

LIMITED TIME ONLY*

*T & C's apply

Why replace when you can re-face?

- Revitalise your kitchen from a simple door change to a complete makeover
- Choose from Laminate, Minerva & Quartz worktops
- Brand new collection of Glass Splashbacks
- Extensive range of branded appliances
- Superb range of quality luxury flooring options
- Retain your existing cabinets. Avoid waste, save money and help the environment
- **Average installation time only 2 days**

DEC 25

Take advantage of our **BEST OFFER EVER!**

order now for guaranteed **fitting before christmas!**

CALL NOW FOR YOUR **FREE** BROCHURE
OR TO ARRANGE YOUR FREE NO-OBLIGATION SURVEY AND QUOTATION:

0121 623 7208

www.cherry-kitchens.co.uk

Visit the Midland's largest kitchen makeover showroom

CHERRY KITCHENS SHOWROOM - NEXT TO ALDI ON STOURBRIDGE RING-ROAD (DY8 1PA)

OPENING HOURS
Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm
Saturday 10am - 4pm

Best seller brought to life at Rep

Alice Sebold's global best seller, The Lovely Bones, is being brought to life on stage for the first time at Birmingham Rep this month.

Adapted by award-winning writer Bryony Lavery and directed by Melly Still, The Lovely Bones opens on Tuesday and runs until Saturday, November 10.

Sebold's tale captured hearts after it was published in 2002. An unforgettable examination of life after loss, it's main protagonist Susie Salmon is a murdered teenager, who watches over her family and friends as they try to put their lives back together. She also watches her killer.

American writer Sebold will be visiting Birmingham for a special 'In Conversation' at The Rep on Thursday, November 1.

Playwright Lavery said: "I've found that the huge story is very, very happy to change its medium and reveal its treasures on The Rep's main stage. I am a most fortunate playwright."

In the 10-strong cast, Susie will be played by Charlotte Beaumont, who played Chloe Latimer in TV series Broadchurch.

Writer Lavery's previous work includes the Tony Award-nominated Frozen, which premiered at The Rep in 1998 and was revived in the West End this year. Director Still's credits include the acclaimed Olivier and Tony Award-nominated production of Coram Boy (National Theatre and Broadway).

For tickets see birmingham-rep.co.uk or call 0121 236 4455.

Mary Stevens Hospice Pantomime Company

Panto fans have a ball

The Mary Stevens Hospice Pantomime Company will be putting on a fundraising performance of Cinderella at Stourbridge Town Hall with guest star Donchez Dacres.

Following the success of their three-show sell-out debut production of The Wizard of Oz at Brierley Hill Civic Hall back in January, the company are bringing all the magic of the classic fairy tale to the stage across five performances between November 28 and 30, with some performances already sold out.

After the widely-acclaimed performance of the X-Factor's Wagner as The Wizard in the previous production, the hospice committed to including a celebrity special guest in the cast once again, this time in the form of Donchez. Fresh from finishing third on Britain's Got Talent this year with his catchy Wiggle and Wine song, Wolverhampton-based Donchez has agreed to support the Stourbridge hospice by performing in all five shows, although details of his role are being kept as a surprise.

The 61-year-old AA man captured the hearts of the nation with his song, which prompted David Walliams to hit the iconic golden buzzer to send him straight through to the semi-final of the nationwide talent competition.

Tickets for the show can be booked online at: www.seaty.co.uk/cinderella and for group, school or company bookings call (01384) 377 778 to speak to the Hospice fundraising team. Or to find out more about the work of the Mary Stevens Hospice, visit www.marystevenshospice.co.uk website. All money raised through the show will be donated directly towards families relying on the care of the Mary Stevens Hospice.

Little Mix gig tickets go on sale

Pop superstars Little Mix have announced The LM5 Tour, a massive UK arena tour for 2019 and will be coming to the Genting Arena (soon to be Resorts World Arena) at Birmingham's NEC in just over a year's time.

The shows on Friday and Saturday, November 8 and 9, 2019, will see Little Mix perform songs from their new album LM5, alongside their greatest hits including Touch, Shout Out to My Ex, Black Magic and Wings. Little Mix have firmly established their reputation as one of the most phenomenal live acts around. This summer they toured the UK with the Summer Hits Tour.

Little Mix recently announced that their fifth album, LM5, will be released on November 16. The band have spent the year writing and recording the album with an A-List cast including Ed Sheeran, Jess Glynne, Camille Purcell, MNEK, and Timberland. The girls themselves have described it as 'the album we always wanted to make'. The album's first single Woman Like Me, featuring Nicki Minaj, was released last week. The harmony-led, urban, reggae pop smash immediately hit the top spot on iTunes around the world. Since 2011, Little Mix – Perrie Edwards, Jesy Nelson, Leigh-Anne Pinnock and Jade Thirlwall – have sold more than 45 million records worldwide.

Tickets are on general sale from 9am tomorrow (Friday) via www.theticketfactory.com or by calling 0844 33 88 222

Star Reader Travel
Hand picked holidays with you in mind

Your Chronicle in association with Just Go! Holidays

SKIPTON & GRASSINGTON
Christmas Markets
Departing Friday 7 Dec

This break combines the dramatic scenery of the Yorkshire Dales, one of the most picturesque landscapes in the country, with some of the region's most atmospheric Christmas festivals and markets – the perfect way to begin the festive season.

Your break includes
- Return coach travel from Dudley, Halesowen & Stourbridge
- 2 nights at our selected hotel with dinner & breakfast
- Excursion to Haworth & Grassington Dickensian Festival
- En-route visit to Skipton Yuletide Festival

3 Days by Coach *now* **£119**
Single supplement £25

FOLKESTONE & FRANCE
Weekend
Departing Friday 25 Jan

This weekend break includes a trip across the Channel to the pretty seaside town of Boulogne-sur-Mer, with its domed cathedral and medieval quarter. There's also the opportunity to visit Canterbury, one of the most important cathedral cities in the country.

Your break includes
- Return coach travel and ferry crossings from Halesowen
- 3 nights at the Grand Burstin Hotel, Folkestone with dinner & breakfast
- 2 for 1 bar (6pm-9pm) on selected drinks
- Entertainment every night
- Excursion to Boulogne-sur-Mer

Optional excursion to Canterbury (£7pp)

4 Days by Coach *only* **£109.99**
Single supplement £37.50

Operated by Just Go! Holidays Ltd. Coach package holidays and short breaks are subject to Just Go! Holidays terms and conditions and are financially protected by a bond held with Bonded Coach Holiday Group (BCHG). Tours offered subject to availability. Errors and omissions excepted. Prices are per person, based on two people sharing a dbl/twn room.

For more information or to book, please call: **03332 341 875** Quote **JGRT**
or visit online at: **justgoholidays.com/RT**
033 numbers are free within inclusive minutes packages otherwise standard rates apply.

Half term at RED HOUSE GLASS CONE

Wed 31 Oct
Trick or Treat event
10.30am – 5.00pm
(includes Teenage Market) pre-booking essential

Fri 2 Nov
Day of the Dead
10.00am - 3.00pm
drop in event £3 each 4 plus years

Craft studios, Red Cone Coffee House and glassmaking demonstration

01384 812750
www.dudley.gov.uk/see-and-do/museums

The Proclaimers

Brothers still Proclaiming, 31 years on from their debut

The Proclaimers are set to fill Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Monday as part of an extensive UK tour.

The singing Scottish siblings released their 11th studio album in the summer, which was followed by a series of sold out shows in their homeland.

Twins Craig and Charlie Reid emerged 31 years ago with their debut album This Is The Story and top three single Letter from America. But the duo from Auchtermuchty are best known for I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles), which after reaching number 11 in the UK chart in 1988 (number 1 in Australia and New Zealand), was re-recorded with Peter Kay to top the chart for Comic Relief in 2007.

They inspired musical, play and film Sunshine on Leith. The musical is rumoured to be heading to London's West End next year.

The new album includes Streets Of Edinburgh, a tribute to the city of their birth, You Make Me Happy plus the political and socially aware Classy and Looted.

Support for The Proclaimers gig in Birmingham comes from Irish singer-songwriter Jack Lukeman.

No Dutch courage needed for Caro at Symphony Hall

She's as polished and classy as it gets.

Following five star reviews and sold out shows, the gorgeous and stylish Caro Emerald is back with a brand new live UK tour for 2018, which includes a concert at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Tuesday.

Since the release of her 2010 multi-platinum debut album Deleted Scenes From The Cutting Room Floor, the Dutch singer and her producers Grandmono have fashioned their own niche, blending retro jazz with sampling and modern pop, starring Caro's smooth vocals. The result is a unique signature sound to go with a glamorous look that suggests a Hollywood icon of yesteryear.

Her second album The Shocking Miss Emerald entered the Official UK Album Chart at No 1 in May 2013, remaining in the chart for an entire year.

"This tour is the best thing ever," she says. "I'm thrilled to be coming back to Birmingham's Symphony Hall. I've been there lots of times so I know the surroundings and the neighbourhood.

"Places like the Symphony Hall and the Royal Albert Hall, which I'm playing for the third time, are out of the ordinary. They are very special.

"The Symphony Hall is a fantastic venue with so much atmosphere and when you play you can feel how special it is. Being there helps to lift my performance."

Caro Emerald – unique

It's been a loff but now I'm off, says Doreen

COMEDY queen of the Black Country Doreen Tipton has said that her latest live tour will be her last and she is promising 'to go out with a bang'.

The feckless, deadpan character, played by actress Gill Jordan, will bid farewell after her Doreen's Big Top tour which calls at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre next Friday, November 2.

The self-professed 'lazy cow', created by Gill and writer David Tristram, has hinted at a mysterious new venture, so maybe we haven't seen the last of her.

"This will be our sixth live show, and we've had a wonderful time doing them," says Gill "But planning for the live tours starts virtually a year before with the writing process, preparing videos, theming, booking venues, marketing, rehearsing and so on. By the time you finally complete the tour itself you then have to start planning the following year's tour almost immediately. This leaves no time for exploring other projects, new avenues, as you get trapped in a cycle of writing, planning, rehearsing, touring, then writing again. We think the time is right to break the mould and try something different."

Black Eyed Peas to celebrate anniversary

The Black Eyed Peas are back – will.i.am, apl.de.ap and Taboo will line up at Birmingham's O2 Academy on Monday as part of their first headline tour in eight years.

The Black Eyed Peas formed in 1992 in Los Angeles though their roots go back to 1988, when eighth-graders William Adams (will.i.am) and Allan Pineda (apl.de.ap) began rapping and performing together around LA. Later they were joined by Jaime Luis Gomez (Taboo) and singer Fergie, who left the Peas for a solo career.

They enjoyed hits with Where Is The Love?, Shut Up, Don't Phunk with My Heart, Don't Lie, My Humps, and Pump It, among others. The hip hop/pop group have released seven chart-topping studio albums. Meanwhile, will.i.am has won a whole new group of fans as the most enigmatic and humorous of the judges and mentors on TV talent show The Voice.

Fans can look forward to a greatest hits selection. The group has also premiered an explosive new single and video entitled Get It which looks at social issues such as police brutality and immigration.

Stourbridge Chronicle Thursday, October 25, 2018

CHOICE

Claudia Winkleman

Strictly Come Dancing - Halloween Special (BBC1, 6.50pm)

For Movie Week, the unsung heroes of Strictly's hair, make-up and wardrobe departments managed to transform Stacey Dooley and Kevin Clifton into a pair of jiving, bright yellow minions and got Graeme Swann to do the Charleston dressed as Spider-Man. So just imagine what they are planning for this year's Halloween special... As ever, Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman will be introducing the couples, while Shirley Ballas, Darcey Bussell, Craig Revel Horwood and Bruno Tonioli will be deciding which dances were a treat, and who should have added a few more tricks to their repertoire.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Classic Mary Berry. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Invictus Games 2018. **2.00** Live International Rugby League. England v New Zealand (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30** Invictus Games 2018.

6.00 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a sci-fi edition of the general knowledge quiz. The teams playing for charity are classic Doctor Who stars Peter Davison and Katy Manning, Blake's 7's Paul Darrow and Michael Keating, Red Dwarf's Hattie Hayridge and Harry Potter's Jessie Cave, and Star Wars actors Kiran Shah and Jimmy Vee.

6.50 Strictly Come Dancing – Halloween Special. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman host a spooky episode of the dance contest, with the remaining 11 pairs competing to impress judges Shirley Ballas, Dame Darcey Bussell, Bruno Tonioli and Craig Revel Horwood and the viewers with their talents.

8.35 Casualty. Base works for Ross in his meth lab to pay off his debts. He collects 16-year-old Harry to work with them, and watches on as Ross physically asserts his authority over the teenager. Duffy wakes up in a hotel room having slept with Bill. Full of guilt, she sends him away and gets ready to leave. On her way out, she hears a call for help and reluctantly treats Naima, who was found passed out in the hotel swimming pool.

9.25 Killing Eve. Carolyn brings unwelcome news and a change of priorities, but Eve is closer than she has ever been to Villanelle, and is finally going to meet Anna.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Liverpool v Cardiff City at Anfield and Leicester City v West Ham United at the King Power Stadium.

11.50 The NFL Show. Mark Chapman is joined by former players Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to present highlights of Houston Texans v Miami Dolphins.

12.20 Film: The Borderlands. (2013) **1.45** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.45 Top Class. (R) **7.15** All Over the Place: Europe. **7.45** Wild & Weird. **8.00** Absolute Genius with Dick & Dom. (R) **8.30** Got What It Takes? **9.00** Elephant Diaries. (R) **9.30** Elephant Diaries. (R) **10.00** Natural World: Saving Luna. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul. (R) **1.00** Wanted Down Under. (R) **2.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF. (R) **4.00** Saving Lives at Sea. (R) **5.00** Letterbox. **5.30** A House Through Time.

6.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring finds a German pilot trapped on top of the town clock by his parachute, so the platoon attempts a rescue mission. (R)

7.00 Mediterranean with Simon Reeve. Simon travels through Libya, visiting areas of the country devastated by recent fighting as well as one of the world's best preserved ancient Roman cities. He moves on to Tunisia, where he discovers a mountain fortress and meets a man keeping ancient Berber traditions alive, including making olive oil with the help of camels. Finally, he crosses the sea to Sicily, and discovers how the Mafia are attempting to take advantage of declining population numbers. (R)

8.00 Elizabeth I's Secret Agents. The Earl of Essex tries to take over Robert Cecil's spy network to gain control over the ageing Elizabeth I and hold the power to choose the next King of England. (R)

9.00 Black Hollywood: "They've Gotta Have Us". A look at the future facing black film-makers, examining the impact of high-profile successes such as Black Panther and the Oscar-winning Moonlight and Get Out. Last in the series.

10.00 QI XL. Sandi Toksvig and Alan Davies are joined in this extended edition by Jimmy Carr, Gyles Brandreth and Sally Phillips, who answer questions on the subject of piecemeal.

10.45 Snowfall. Franklin realises it's time to step his whole operation up a gear.

11.30 Later Weekend with Jools Holland. The pianist welcomes artists including New York rockers Interpol, Bugzy Malone, Rag'n'Bone Man, Fantastic Negrito and Another Sky.

12.35 Film: Cosmopolis. (2012) **1.15** (GMT) Trust. (R) **2.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dana. **6.10** Super 4. (R) **6.25** Super 4. (R) **6.35** Make It Pop. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.15** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: ToonMarty. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Robozuna. **9.05** Scrambled!: Mighty Magiswords! (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** James Martin's Saturday Morning. **11.40** Countrywise. (R) **12.05** ITV News; Weather. **12.15** Midsomer Murders. (R) **2.10** The X Factor. (R) **3.15** Catchphrase. (R) **4.00** Tipping Point. **5.00** The Chase. (R) **5.55** ITV News; Weather.

6.10 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.20 Film: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2. (2011) The teenage wizard continues his search for the artefacts containing fragments of the dark lord Voldemort's soul. Time is running out, as the evil sorcerer is aware of Harry's mission, and marshals his forces for a final, devastating attack on Harry and his friends at Hogwarts school. Conclusion of the fantasy saga, with Daniel Radcliffe, Ralph Fiennes, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson and Alan Rickman.

8.35 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary hosts the second week of live shows, with the remaining acts performing to impress judges Simon Cowell, Louis Tomlinson, Robbie Williams and Ayda Williams – as well as the viewing public at home. This year, Simon will be coaching the Girls, Louis has the Boys, Robbie will take on the Groups and Ayda has the Overs.

10.35 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host is joined on the sofa by guests Brendan O'Carroll, the man behind Mrs Brown, Emma Willis and Chabuddy G, while Boyzone perform live and discuss their farewell tour.

11.40 ITV News; Weather.

12.00 Play to the Whistle. With Jonathan Ross, Chris Kamara and Jack P Shepherd. (R) **12.45** Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.00** (GMT) Long Lost Family. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.

CHANNEL 4

6.50 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.15** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** The Simpsons. (R) **11.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **5.35** Escape to the Chateau: DIY. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Film: Transformers: Dark of the Moon. (2011) The heroic autobots discover that a spaceship from their own planet crashed into the moon decades ago, carrying their former leader and an incredibly powerful device. They must fight to defend the human race as their enemies the decepticons plot to use this machine to rebuild their own world and destroy the Earth. Sci-fi adventure sequel, with Shia LaBeouf, Josh Duhamel and Rosie Huntington-Whiteley. Edited for language and violence.

10.00 Formula 1 Mexican Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. Steve Jones presents action from the battle for pole position at the 19th round of the season, which took place at Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez in Mexico City.

11.35 Film: The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones. (2013) A teenager discovers she is part of a race of magical beings tasked with defending the world from demons. Fantasy adventure, with Lily Collins and Jamie Campbell Bower.

1.45 Experimental. Tim builds a vacuum-powered climbing kit. Last in the series. (R) **1.40** (GMT) Hollyoaks. Omnibus. The day of Ste and Harry's wedding arrives, and Lily enlists Prince and Zack to help with the decorations. Meanwhile, James uses Romeo to help him expose his affair. (R) **3.45** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. Kirstie Allsopp joins a Women's Institute group. (R) **4.00** French Collection. Three collectors upcycle goods from a Toulouse market. (R) **4.55** Building the Dream. A couple pursues their dream of living mortgage-free. Last in the series. (R) **5.50** The King of Queens. Doug worries he might be losing touch with Carrie. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.50** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.25** The Secret Life of Puppies: Terrible Twos. (R) **11.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.00 Film:** Free Willy. (1993) Family drama, starring Jason James Richter. **3.00** Access. **3.05 Film:** Free Willy. (1993) Concluded. **4.20** Rich House, Poor House. (R) **5.20** Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords. (R)

6.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Two enforcement agents make a shocking discovery in a child's bedroom during an eviction, and a debtor gets physical when he is visited over wages owed to a freelancer. (R)

7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! High Court enforcement officers Paul, Steve and Ben make a shocking discovery when they break into a home while serving an eviction notice on a single mother and her two children. (R)

8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! High Court enforcement officers Paul Bohill and Steve and Ben Pinner face their biggest eviction yet, as they take on squatters in a large London office block. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Fury vs Pulev: Live Boxing. Hughie Fury v Kubrat Pulev. Coverage of the heavyweight bout, which takes place at Arena Armeec in Sofia, Bulgaria. Britain's Fury – the cousin of former world heavyweight champion Tyson – lost his only world title contest in September last year to then-WBO champion Joseph Parker, but bounced back from that loss in May, defeating Sam Sexton to win the British title. Home fighter Pulev also has one loss on his record, a knockout defeat to Wladimir Klitschko in 2014, but is undefeated in five contests since then.

10.30 Film: Carrie. (2013) A teenage girl finally snaps and uses her psychic powers to avenge herself on the bullies who tormented her. Horror remake, starring Chloe Grace Moretz and Julianne Moore.

11.30 Access. Showbiz news.

11.35 Film: Carrie. (2013) Concluded.

12.25 Film: Silent Hill: Revelation. (2012) **1.00** (GMT) SuperCasino. **3.10** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.00** Now That's Funny! (R) **4.45** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** House Doctor. (R) **5.35** House Busters. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Natural World Special: My Life as a Turkey **8.00** Life Story **9.00** 54 Hours: The Gladbeck Hostage Crisis **10.30** There She Goes **11.00** Top of the Pops: 1986 **12.00** Britain's Most Dangerous Songs: Listen to the Banned **1.00** Neil Sedaka: King of Song **1.00** (GMT) Knights of Classic Drama at the BBC **2.00** Natural World Special: My Life as a Turkey

ITV2

12.05 You've Been Framed! Gold **12.35 Film:** Step Up 3 (2010) **1.40** FYI Daily **1.45 Film:** Step Up 3 (2010) **2.50 Film:** Beethoven (1992) **4.35 Film:** Casper (1995)**6.40 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) **10.35** Celebrity Juice: Halloween Special **11.20** Family Guy **12.45** American Dad! **1.40** Don't Hate the Playaz **1.45** (GMT) Release the Hounds **2.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **3.00** Teleshopping **4.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.50 Film: Agatha Christie's Sparkling Cyanide (2003) **2.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **5.00** Lewis **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** Inspector Morse **1.25** A Touch of Frost **2.10** (GMT) ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.20 The Big Fish Off **12.25** The Motorbike Show **1.30** ITV Racing Live from Cheltenham, **4.20** World Cup Rivalries: England v Argentina **4.40** Pawn Stars **5.10 Film:** The Scorpion King (2002) **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15 Film:** The Scorpion King (2002) **7.00** Darts: European Championship Live. Coverage of day three of the event from Dortmund, Germany. **11.00 Film:** Pale Rider (1985) **12.00** FYI Daily **12.05 Film:** Pale Rider (1985) **1.20** The Americans **1.25** (GMT) Minder **2.20** The Protectors **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

1.00 Film: Father of the Bride (1991) **3.05** The Great British Bake Off **4.25** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **4.35** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Fast & Furious 6 (2013) **11.35** Gogglebox **1.40** Celebs Go Dating **1.45** (GMT) Celebs Go Dating **2.35** Celebs Go Dating

Film4

11.00 Dragonball Evolution (2009) **12.50** Dr Dolittle (1998) **2.20** Flash Gordon (1980) **4.30** Bohemian Rhapsody Interview Special **4.40** Cheaper By the Dozen (2003) **6.35** The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2015) **9.00** World War Z (2013) **11.15** The Other Side of the Door (2016) **1.10** Inferno (1980) **2.40** (GMT) Close

SUNDAY'S TV OCTOBER 28

CHOICE

Reece Shearsmith and Steve Pemberton

Inside No 9 Live (BBC2, 10pm)
Over the years this series has given us some of the most chilling, clever and downright bizarre half-hour stories any fan of spooky tales could wish for. And now Steve Pemberton and Reece Shearsmith have penned Dead Line, a live show which, if we're lucky, will prove as captivating as that other live Hallowe'en classic, Ghostwatch from 1992. It centres on Arthur Flitwick (Pemberton) who finds an old mobile phone in his local graveyard. It seems like a good idea to try and contact the owner, but as the spookiest time of the year draws near, Arthur is soon immersed in a nightmare of his own making. Apparently no good deed can go unpunished, in this world or the next.

BBC1

6.00 (GMT) Breakfast. **8.40** Match of the Day. (R) **10.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **11.00** Regional Programme. **11.30** Sunday Morning Live. **12.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.00** Points of View. **2.15** Songs of Praise. **2.50 Film:** Oz the Great and Powerful, (2013) Fantasy adventure, starring James Franco. **4.55** Scared Shrekless. (R) **5.15** BBC News. **5.35** Regional Programme. **5.45** Countryfile Ramble for BBC Children in Need.

7.00 Doctor Who. The Doctor brings her friends back home to 21st-century Sheffield, only to discover there is something strange going on involving all the city's spiders. Chris Noth guest stars.

7.50 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman reveal the results of the Halloween special, as two more couples compete in a dance-off. Featuring a special musical performance by Rita Ora.

8.30 Still Open All Hours. Granville invests in a giant balloon for advertising purposes, and has to come up with the best sales pitch he can muster to persuade his customers to buy tins of smoked oysters.

9.00 The Little Drummer Girl. New series. Spy drama set in the 1970s, following the aftermath of a bombing in East Germany. An Israeli intelligence operative investigates, and discovers a connection to a series of assassination attempts against prominent Jewish figures around the world. In London, a struggling actress accepts the offer of a holiday in Greece, leading her to a whirlwind romance that draws her into the agent's operation.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. A review of the day's Premier League action, featuring Burnley v Chelsea at Turf Moor, Crystal Palace v Arsenal at Selhurst Park and Manchester United v Everton at Old Trafford.

11.30 The Women's Football Show. Highlights of the weekend's games in the Super League, and a look at the biggest issues in the women's game.

12.05 The Apprentice. (R) **1.05** The Apprentice: You're Fired. (R) **1.35** Weather. **1.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.20 (GMT) Around the World in 80 Gardens. (R) **7.20** Carol Klein's Plant Odysseys. (R) **7.50** The Instant Gardener. (R) **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure. (R) **12.30** Sweets Made Simple. (R) **1.00** NFL Live. Jacksonville Jaguars v Philadelphia Eagles (Kick-off 1.30pm). **5.00** Hog It! (R) **5.30** Letterbox.

6.00 Britain's Classroom Heroes 2018. Anita Rani and Sean Fletcher host the annual Pearson Teaching Awards celebrating outstanding teachers from all over the UK, shining a spotlight on the work they do every day to make a difference to children's lives. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the awards, with the introduction of a new category for School of the Year. With celebrity guests on hand to present the accolades, and an exclusive performance from the cast of the popular West End show Everybody's Talking About Jamie, this promises to be a special evening of celebration.

7.00 Nature's Wildest Weapons: Horns, Tusks and Antlers: Natural World. Professor Doug Emlen examines how animals use their bodies as weapons, from elephants to rhinoceros beetles. (R)

8.00 Mediterranean with Simon Reeve. The final leg of the journey takes in Morocco, where Simon visits a land border between Africa and the European Union, before moving on to Spain and Corsica. Last in the series.

9.00 Last Chance Lawyer New York City. Howard takes on a major murder trial, and tries to prove the defendant's claim that he was protecting a woman who was being stalked by the man he killed. Last in the series.

10.00 Inside No 9 Live. A special live episode for Halloween, in which a man finds a mobile phone in a graveyard and tries to return it to its owner, only to be drawn into a nightmare of his own making.

10.30 The Mash Report. Nish Kumar and a cast of comedy correspondents present the satirical and surreal take on the week's news. (R)

11.00 Film: The Ring. (2002) Horror remake, with Naomi Watts.

12.45 Sign Zone: Question Time. **1.45** Holby City. (R) **2.45** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 (GMT) CITV: (GMT) Dino Dana. **6.10** Super 4. (R) **6.25** Super 4. (R) **6.35** Make It Pop. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Robozuna. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Ben 10. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Bagel and Becky Show. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Mighty Magiswords! (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Love Your Garden. (R) **10.25** Emmerdale 1918. (R) **10.55** Martin Lewis: 10 Things Your Kids Need to Know. (R) **11.55** The Big Audition. (R) **12.50** ITV News. **1.00** The X Factor. (R) **3.00** Back to Mine. **3.30** Tenable. (R) **4.30** The Chase. (R) **5.30** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R)

6.30 ITV News; Weather.

6.45 Regional Programme; Weather.

7.00 The Chase Celebrity Special. Bradley Walsh presents as celebrity contestants Dani Harmer, Eddie Hall, Chemmy Alcott and Alex Horne pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser in the hope of winning a potential prize pot worth thousands of pounds. They must work as a team and play strategically to answer general knowledge questions against the clock and race down the game board to the exit without being caught.

8.00 The X Factor. Talent contest, hosted by Dermot O'Leary, in which solo singers and groups compete to win a recording contract.

9.00 Butterfly. Vicky forges Stephen's signature to obtain consent for Maxine's treatment, but he has already reported her to the police and she is arrested on her return home. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Gordon Ramsay on Cocaine. First in a two-part documentary in which chef Gordon Ramsay investigates the cocaine trade, seeing how the drug is made and witnessing the arrest of couriers on their way to a deal. (R)

11.20 Gordon, Gino and Fred: Road Trip. The trio tour Gordon Ramsay's birthplace of Scotland, searching for ingredients for a grand feast, while also finding time to take part in the Highland Games. (R)

12.15 Strangers. (R) **1.05** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 (GMT) The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Frasier. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Jamie Cooks Italy. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30 Film:** Tooth Fairy. (2010) Family comedy, starring Dwayne Johnson. **3.35** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **4.55 Film:** The Aristocats. (1970) Animated Disney adventure, with the voice of Eva Gabor.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Phil Spencer's Stately Homes. Phil is invited by Lord David Cholmondeley to visit Houghton Hall in Norfolk, built for Britain's first prime minister Robert Walpole, and attempts to discover how much it cost. He also discovers the story of a disreputable member of the Walpole family who sold the art collection and even the front steps of the house to pay his gambling debts. (R)

8.00 Great Canal Journeys. Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the waterways of North-West England, from the suburbs of Manchester, through Britain's first purpose-built canal, to the port at Ellesmere. They discover how canals played a vital role in transforming Britain during the Industrial Revolution, and have subsequently become a central point of Manchester's gay community.

9.00 Film: Deepwater Horizon. (2016) Premiere. An oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico is beset by technical difficulties – but executives from the company behind the project ignore the warning signs and demand work proceeds as normal, despite warnings from key engineers on site. The situation rapidly gets out of control, leading to the worst environmental disaster in US history. Drama, starring Mark Wahlberg.

11.00 Formula 1 Mexican Grand Prix Highlights. Steve Jones presents action from the 19th round of the season, which took place at Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez in Mexico City.

1.15 Film: Little Men. (2016) **2.45** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. (R) **3.40** Building the Dream. (R) **4.35** French Collection. (R) **5.25** Buy It Now. (R) **5.50** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 (GMT) Milkshake!: (GMT) Peppa Pig. **6.05** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **6.30** Luo Bao Bei. (R) **6.40** Digby Dragon. (R) **6.50** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.00** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.25** Rusty Rivets. **7.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **8.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.15** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.30** Nella the Princess Knight. **8.50** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.00** Pirata & Capitano. (R) **9.15** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **9.35** Floogals. (R) **9.50** Paw Patrol. (R) **10.00** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.20** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Cruising with Jane McDonald. (R) **10.45** Criminals: Caught on Camera. (R) **11.10** Friends. (R) **11.40** Friends. (R) **12.10** Friends. (R) **12.40** Friends. (R) **1.10** Friends. (R) **1.40** Friends. (R) **2.05** Friends. (R) **2.35** Friends. (R) **3.05** Friends. (R) **3.35** Friends. (R) **4.05 Film:** Goosebumps. (2015) **5.05** 5 News Update. **5.10 Film:** Goosebumps. (2015) Concluded.

6.10 The Lion Cub from Harrods. Documentary telling the story of two Australian furniture salesmen who bought a lion cub from Harrods in 1969 and raised it themselves. (R)

7.00 Inside Harrods: The World's Most Famous Department Store. Documentary going behind the famous gold-and-green facade of the retailer, to explore the store's million square feet of shopping space, as well as the secrets of its success.

8.00 Ice Road Truckers. Art Burke hits a melting ice crossing and a load that is right at the weight limit. Steph Custance finds out whether she will be joining the Polar team.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Hitler's Holocaust Railways with Chris Tarrant. Chris Tarrant explores the use of trains in transporting millions of prisoners to ghettos and death camps during the Holocaust. Featuring contributions from survivors.

10.30 Big Brother.

12.00 When Kids Kill: Beaten for Being Different. The heartbreaking story of a young couple who were attacked for how they looked. (R) **12.45** Helicopter Pursuits: Caught on Camera. A compilation of police helicopter chases. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. **3.10 Film:** What I Did for Love. (2006) **4.40** Access. **4.45** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** House Doctor. (R) **5.35** House Busters. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 (GMT) Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways **8.00** The Ghan: Australia's Greatest Train Journey **11.00** I Was a Yazidi Slave **12.00** Art of France **1.00** Timeshift: The Golden Age of Coach Travel **2.00** Timeshift: The Modern Age of The Coach **3.00** The Culture Show: Lego – The Building Blocks of Architecture **3.30** Close

ITV2
12.30 Celebrity Catchphrase **1.35** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.35 Film:** Babe: Pig in the City (1998) **3.35** FYI Daily **3.40 Film:** Babe: Pig in the City (1998) **4.25** The Smurfs: The Legend of Smurfy Hollow **4.55 Film:** Hotel Transylvania 2 (2015) **6.00** FYI Daily **6.05 Film:** Hotel Transylvania 2 (2015) **6.45 Film:** The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55 Film:** The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.25** The Cleveland Show **1.20** The Weekender: Boat Party **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.15 Bertie and Elizabeth **1.20** Agatha Christie's Poirot **3.20 Film:** Columbo: The Most Dangerous Match (1973) **5.00** Foyle's War **9.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **11.25 Film:** Chocolat (2000) **1.40** Paul O'Grady's Animal Orphans **2.35** Murder, She Wrote **3.30** Road to Avonlea **5.10** Judge Judy **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4
11.20 Pawn Stars **12.45** Darts: European Championship Live. Coverage of day four of the event from Dortmund, Germany. **5.00** Pawn Stars **5.55** Made in Britain **7.00** Darts: European Championship Live. The semi-finals and final on day four of the event from Dortmund, Germany. **11.00 Film:** Saw (2004) **12.00** FYI Daily **12.05 Film:** Saw (2004) **1.05** The Avengers **2.15** Pawn Stars **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
12.35 Happy Together **1.05** New Girl **1.35** The Big Bang Theory **7.00 Film:** Crocodile Dundee (1986) **9.00** Celebs Go Dating **10.00** Club Rep Wars **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** First Dates **1.10** Celebs Go Dating **2.15** Club Rep Wars **3.05** Rude Tube **3.30** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 (GMT) Carry On Regardless (1961) **12.50** Starman (1984) **3.05** Titanic (1997) **6.55** The Princess Bride (1987) **9.00** Kingsman: The Secret Service (2015) **11.40** The Taking of Deborah Logan (2014) **1.30** The Piper (2015) **3.45** Close

Family Run Est since 1978
Able & Bromley Carpets / Beds
SOFAS, VINYLS, LAMINATES, STAIRLIFTS
WE DO WHAT OTHER CARPET FIRMS WON'T.
Help move heavy furniture, up lift plus take away old carpets, shave doors
PLUS... UP TO 50% OFF
FREE FITTING ON OUR PREMIER RANGE T+C's apply
CAN'T GET OUT?
WE WILL BRING 100'S OF SAMPLE BROCHURES TO YOUR HOME
FREE QUOTES AND PLANNING
01902 880541
WE COVER ALL AREAS
Like & share
Warehouse Unit, D Dormston Trading Est., Burton Road, Gornal DY1 3TD
OPEN: MON-SAT 9.30-5.00 SUNDAY - 10AM-3PM

WILDACRE RESCUE
WE DESPERATELY NEED KIND CARING FOREVER HOMES
For beautiful adult black and black and white cats. Every cat has its own personality and they all need a place to call home.
Some kittens available too!
All are health checked, neutered and vaccinated
(House check and re-home fees apply)
Please call:
Di on 07581 015789 Pat on 07545 679475

Home adaptations for independence
Make your home safe for you
Struggling in your home? Are you or a member of the family having difficulties bathing, getting upstairs, or even getting into your home?
If you are a homeowner or private rental tenant and need assistance with adapting your home to better meet the needs of a member of your household, we can help.
Dudley Council offers grants to pay for adaptations*, uses reputable, approved tradespeople and can arrange all works for you. *Dependant on criteria
Walk-in showers
Stairlifts
Ramps
Door widening
Extensions
For more details call 0300 555 0055
Dudley
DUDLEY HOME IMPROVEMENT SERVICE

THE SHED SHOP
Established 27 Years
6ft x 4ft T&G Sheds from £240
Concrete slotted post now at £9
Concrete gravel boards now £9
6ft x 5ft overlap heavy duty fence panels £15
Railwasy Sleepers £16
Continental Panels in stock
Post mix 20kg bags £4.50
A wide range of fence panels available
All Products for immediate delivery
Public & Trade Welcome
Special Offers Also Available
01384 482 542 / 07920 885 774
www.dudleyshedshop.co.uk

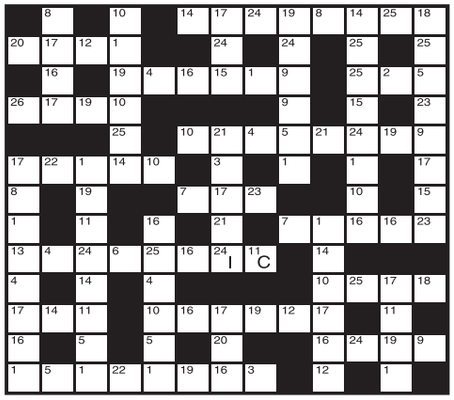
ANTIQUE COLLECTORS & VINTAGE FAIR
UTTOXETER RACECOURSE
(SAT NAV ST14 8BD) A518 / A38 / SIGNPOSTED A50
SATURDAY/SUNDAY 27TH & 28TH OCTOBER
100 + STALLS INSIDE + OUTSIDE PITCHES
10AM - 4PM ADM.£1.50
CHILDREN FREE
PLENTY OF FREE PARKING
ANTIQUE FORUM
01782 393660 / 07921659798

BRAIN GYM

No.503

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



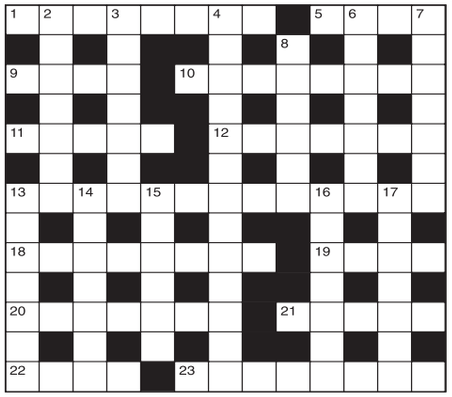
1	14
2	15
3	16
4	17
5	18
6	19
7	20
8	21
9	22
10	23
11 C	24 I
12	25
13	26

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
J	K	H	U	I	N	D	O	P	L	S	Q	Y
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
W	V	C	F	T	M	A	B	E	R	G	Z	X

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. One abandoned by players on opponent's ground (8)
5. Copied some cheap editions (4)
9. Store between 180 and 270 degrees (4)
10. Conscientious objections (8)
11. This Jack has three crosses to bear (5)
12. Hide in N. Africa (7)
13. Show off? (2,11)
18. He sees to a minor charge (8)
19. Sweet and sour (4)
20. Ends an interim arrangement (7)
21. Present part of 10 Down (5)
22. A vessel we turn and turn about (4)
23. Shame! (8)

Down

2. A new notion for the Merchant of Venice (7)
3. Drawing line (3-4)
4. Taking in, being obliging (13)
6. It has a large bill in place perhaps (7)
7. Arrange to order (7)
8. Business may be started with it (6)
13. Garment shortened – after dark that is (7)
14. It was plain to early American settlers (7)
15. Tree used in sacred fires (3,3)
16. Not many can provide a word of opposite meaning (7)
17. It's funny, there's nothing in the box (7)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Assessment (8)
5. Fish-pond (4)
9. Replete (4)
10. Reasoning (8)
11. Railing (5)
12. Finger protector (7)
13. Somersaulting (4,4,5)
18. Pastoral (8)
19. Apiece (4)
20. Opening (7)
21. Scatter (5)
22. Band (4)
23. Candidate (8)

Down

2. Trip (7)
3. Maltreated (3-4)
4. Reverse fortunes (4,3,6)
6. Quake (7)
7. Testimony (7)
8. Stubborn (6)
13. Trial (7)
14. Sale (7)
15. Decree (6)
16. Voter (7)
17. Reading desk (7)

Sudoku

		4	2			8		7
	9					1	5	
		7	6		5		4	9
8				6		7		
	6				7		1	
		1		8				
	3		8		4	9		
	2	8					3	1
4		6			1	2		

Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

8	2	9	4	1	3	6	7	5
4	5	3	7	9	6	2	8	1
7	6	1	5	8	2	4	9	3
2	7	5	8	3	9	1	6	4
9	3	8	1	6	4	5	2	7
6	1	4	2	5	7	9	3	8
5	4	6	9	7	8	3	1	2
3	8	2	6	4	1	7	5	9
1	9	7	3	2	5	8	4	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC – Across: 1 Air-hostess; 7 Owing; 8 Aligned; 10 Enshroud; 11 Stet; 13 Shriek; 15 Gnomon; 17 Dock; 18 Mail-boat; 21 Saviour; 22 Set-to; 23 Grass widow. Down: 1 Aries; 2 Regarded; 3 Opaque; 4 Twin; 5 Sanctum; 6 Sobersides; 9 Detonation; 12 Analysed; 14 Recover; 16 Marrow; 19 On tow; 20 Bows.
QUICK – Across: 1 Pleasantry; 7 Blush; 8 Nonplus; 10 Reserved; 11 Mete; 13 Verbal; 15 Surest; 17 Arch; 18 Preserve; 21 Erudite; 22 Infer; 23 Pestilence. Down: 1 Pours; 2 Ethereal; 3 Sinner; 4 None; 5 Relieve; 6 Abbreviate; 9 Sweetheart; 12 Question; 14 Recluse; 16 Ordeal; 19 Rifle; 20 List.

Quiz

1. Which cartoonist and illustrator created the schoolgirls of St. Trinian's?
2. Which king's eldest son was the Black Prince?
3. What is the capital of the Lorraine region?
4. Of which bird is the tragopan a type?
5. Which band's drummer did Baywatch star Pamela Anderson marry and divorce?
6. What, in economics, may be fixed or circulating?
7. On the southern flank of which mountain is Delphi?
8. Which boxer underwent surgery to remove a blood clot after his fight with Nigel Benn?
9. Of what are bort, balas and carbonado varieties?
10. Where did Billy Butlin open his first camp?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Echo; 2 Iceland; 3 Spanish dance; 4 Parish; 5 Oscar Wilde; 6 Philo Remington; 7 Lioness; 8 Lake Michigan; 9 Story of Esther; 10 Travis.

Niner: ROYALTIES

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

7988 gives a Scottish inventor,
7612 gives a second Scottish inventor,
34519 gives a French-Polish scientist.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

HALF PRICE
SUBSCRIPTION OFFER
JUST £2.00 PER MONTH (INC. P&P)

To subscribe call our free customer care hotline on 0800 146 540

Overseas 12-month gift subscriptions are available from: Europe £73.56, rest of the world £110.76 (Includes P&P, Direct Debit or Pre-payment)

WOLVERHAMPTON MAGAZINE

Star Reader Travel
Hand picked holidays with you in mind

Your Chronicle in association with Omega

2018'S SELL OUT SHOW
NOW BOOKING FOR 2019

The Tina Turner Musical hit the West End in 2018 with sell out performances throughout the year. We recommend booking early for 2019 to avoid disappointment.

So why not treat yourself to some time away and the dazzling entertainment of this top West End show, sure to make any weekend away... Simply the Best!

2 days by coach, **selected Saturday departures, March - July 2019**

All this included ...
- ✔ Return coach travel **from Dudley, Halesowen & Stourbridge**
- ✔ Overnight stay at a 3 or 4-star hotel outside London with full English breakfast
- ✔ Grand Circle ticket (evening performance - face value £35)
- ✔ Free time in London for shopping & sightseeing

only £149

Why not upgrade your seat?
Stalls & Circle tickets (FV £59.50 - £89.50) **offered at a supplement from £30**

Operated by Just Go Holidays Ltd trading as Omega Breaks. Coach package holidays and short breaks are subject to Omega Breaks terms and conditions and are financially protected by a bond held with Bonded Coach Holiday Group (BCHG). Tours offered subject to availability. Errors and omissions excepted. Prices are per person, based on two people sharing a dbl/twn room.

For more information or to book, please call: **03300 130 051** Quote **OMRT**
or visit online at: **omegabreaks.com/RT**
033 numbers are free within inclusive minutes packages otherwise standard rates apply.

Betting giant to repay dogs home money gambled by boss

GAMBLING giant Paddy Power Betfair has been fined more than £2 million after allowing former Birmingham Dogs Home boss Simon Price to gamble money stolen from the charity.

The business has also agreed to repay to the dogs home stolen money gambled away by addict Mr Price on its sites to the dogs home. Mr Price gambled away £640,000 of the £894,753 he stole.

It is not known how much was gambled with Paddy Power Betfair but the charity will receive a slice of the firm's £500,000 divestment. Birmingham Dogs Home runs Sunnyside Centre in Coven, South Staffordshire, as well as its base in Solihull.

The Gambling Commission fined the firm £2.2m after discovering 'significant' amounts of stolen money had been gambled with Paddy Power's online exchange Betfair after it failed to carry out proper money laundering checks. An investigation by the watchdog also found Paddy Power did not protect three customers showing signs of gambling addiction.

Jailed

The commission's inquiry centred on five customers in 2016, including two who were allowed to gamble stolen money – one of whom was disgraced former Birmingham Dogs Home chief executive Mr Price.

He and his wife Alayna admitted cheating the charity out of £894,754 over four years from 2012. Mr Price was jailed for five years at the end of 2017, while Mrs Price was given a two-year suspended term.

Paddy Power Betfair will pay £1.7 million to charity Gamble Aware and £498,508 to be shared by victims and impacted parties, including the dogs home, as well as £50,000 for the commission's investigation costs.

Armed gang block car to rob occupants

A GANG of thugs armed with a hammer and knives blocked off a car and stole jewellery and clothes from the victims inside.

A Peugeot, believed to have four people inside, was blocked in by a dark coloured VW Scirocco in Hurst Road, Coseley. Coats, jewellery and phones were stolen in a terrifying attack that left some of the group injured.

The robbery took place in Hurst Road, at Hurst Hill between Coseley and Woodcross. Police believe the group in the Peugeot, who were wearing green bandanas, had been to McDonald's, in Kent Street, Lower Gornal, a short time before launching the attack at around 10pm on October 10.

Anyone with information can call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Mike tells of life rocking at the Robin

Lots of famous names feature in anecdotes in the autobiography from Robin club boss Mike Hamblett

THE boss of a rock club has put pen to paper to reflect on a remarkable 26 years at the helm of a venue dubbed 'The Marquee Of The Midlands.

Mike Hamblett, owner of the Robin 2, in Bilston, has written his autobiography, which doubles as a history of one of the most famous rock clubs in Britain.

It reflects on his upbringing in Cradley Heath and also provides memories of such stars as Bill Wyman from The Rolling Stones, Dudley comic-singer-actor Lenny Henry, the four members of Slade, Hollywood star Steven Seagal and other big names like Ben E King, Roy Wood, Billy Ocean, Martha Reeves, 10CC and more.

Mike said: "The idea to do a book came about when we reached our 25th anniversary.

"We started out over at the Robin Hood, next to Merry Hill, but had to move out of there when they wanted to knock it down and build a car park. So we found The Robin 2 in Bilston and created a bigger venue with a hotel and restaurant."

He added that the club had survived tough times and during the recession it almost went bump. However, thanks to loyal support from local rock, blues adn soul fans, and great bands, it had pulled through.

Mike describe writing Keepin' Music Live as 'a real labour of love'.

Motorist jailed for causing a head-on crash

A DRIVER was 'just a whisker' under the legal alcohol limit when he made a devastating mistake that has left another motorist with life changing injuries.

Mitchell Cox, from Oldbury, thought he was on a motorway slip-road rather than an ordinary carriageway when he ploughed head-on into an oncoming car.

Victim Ian Stoddart could have been burned alive if people had not rushed to his aid and dragged him out as the two cars burst into flames.

As it was, 53-year-old Mr Stoddart had multiple fractures to both legs and his collarbone, 22 rib fractures, collapsed lungs and ruptures to his liver and a kidney.

Cox, age 24, of Knotsall Lane was jailed for 16 months after pleading guilty at Warwick Crown Court to causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

Prosecutor Daniel Wright said that at 6.20pm on October 28 last year Cox, having visited a friend in Tamworth, headed to junction 10 of the M42 in Warwickshire.

Lights

Having stopped at traffic lights on the roundabout, Cox had planned to join the M42 to get to the M6 but rather than joining the motorway, he was on Trinity Road, an ordinary single carriageway.

Believing he was on the slip-road, Cox headed round a sweeping right-hand bend into the path of Mr Stoddart, who on his way to his home in Tamworth.

When the police and an ambulance arrived Cox, who had a collapsed lung and a sprained wrist, was given a breath test which gave a reading of 34 – just one below the legal limit for driving.

Ian Speed, defending, said it was a 'tragic accident' and engineer Cox was of previous good character.

Star Reader Travel
Hand picked holidays with you in mind

Your Chronicle in association with Just Go! Holidays

DURHAM
Christmas Market & Beamish
Departing Saturday 1 Dec
The beautiful city of Durham, with its winding cobbled streets and cathedral, is the perfect setting for a festive Christmas Market. The market offers a wonderful seasonal atmosphere and the opportunity to start your Christmas shopping, with a wide range of gifts.
Your break includes
✔ Return coach travel from Dudley, Halesowen & Stourbridge
✔ Overnight stay at a selected hotel with dinner & breakfast
✔ Visits to Beamish & Durham Christmas Market
2 Days by Coach *now* **£119**
Single supplement £12.50

ANDRÉ RIEU
at the Echo Arena, Liverpool
Departing Friday 14 Dec
Violin master André Rieu has announced a new UK 2018 tour including a date at the Echo Arena in Liverpool! See the 'King of Waltz' perform with his 60-piece Johann Strauss Orchestra where he will play songs from his repertoire alongside Christmas carols.
Your break includes
✔ Return coach travel from Dudley, Halesowen & Stourbridge
✔ Overnight stay at a selected hotel with breakfast
✔ Ticket to André Rieu concert at the Echo Arena, Liverpool (upper tier)
✔ En-route visit to Manchester Christmas Market
Ticket upgrades available
2 Days by Coach *now* **£189**
Single supplement £30

ST NICHOLAS FAYRE
York & Chatsworth House
Departing Saturday 15 Dec
York's festive St Nicholas Fayre boasts over 100 traditional style chalets dotted throughout York's atmospheric streets, selling inspired gifts ideas and stocking fillers. We also visit magnificent Chatsworth House with its beautiful festive decorations.
Your break includes
✔ Return coach travel from Dudley, Halesowen & Stourbridge
✔ Overnight stay at a selected hotel with dinner & breakfast
✔ Visits to Chatsworth House & York St Nicholas Fayre
2 Days by Coach *now* **£129**
Single supplement £12.50

Operated by Just Go! Holidays Ltd. Coach package holidays and short breaks are subject to Just Go! Holidays terms and conditions and are financially protected by a bond held with Bonded Coach Holiday Group (BCHG). Tours offered subject to availability. Errors and omissions excepted. Prices are per person, based on two people sharing a dbl/twn room.

For more information or to book, please call: **03332 341 875** Quote **JGRT**
033 numbers are free within inclusive minutes packages otherwise standard rates apply.
or visit us online at **justgoholidays.com/RT**

Stourbridge Chronicle Thursday, October 25, 2018

UK's top road rage phrases revealed

Road rage is something most motorists will have faced one time or another – and new research has revealed the phrases Brits are most likely to spout when seeing red behind the wheel.

The survey of 1,329 motorists across the UK by private number plate specialists Click4Reg has found that 'Go on then, move!' is the most popular choice of words by enraged drivers – with 72 per cent saying they have used the phrase.

Following just behind is 'Is the person in front dead?', with 70 per cent of respondents having said this at some point, while 'He's not even looking' rounded out the top three with 67 per cent.

Passive-aggressive statements also seem to be popular amongst road rage Brits – with 61 per cent of those surveyed having said 'You're welcome' in a sarcastic manner to another motorist.

It should be mentioned Click4Reg opted to omit suggestions with expletives in, which has likely skewed these results, but the data collected proves road rage is a common problem in the UK.

In fact, 78 per cent said they have at some point experienced a burst of anger behind the wheel — with 46 per cent of all saying they experience it on a daily basis.

Some prove to be far more aggressive than others when overcome with road rage though, with 66 per cent of respondents claiming to be reluctant to use their vehicle's horn – while the other 34 per cent identified as 'serial honkers'.

X5 plug-in hybrid has 50-mile electric range

BMW's latest plug-in hybrid model will mate a new, larger petrol engine with an electric motor and provide up to 50 miles of zero-emission electric range.

Based on the latest X5 and catchily badged xDrive 45e iPerformance, the new model follows on from the xDrive40e iPerformance available on the previous-generation X5. Where that car used a 2.0-litre petrol engine, though, BMW decided that good things aren't always to be found in small packages and has replaced it with a 3.0-litre straight-six twin-turbocharged unit.

The petrol engine develops 282bhp on its own and is paired with a 110bhp electric motor for a total system output of 389bhp. That's enough to jettison the weighty X5 from 0-60mph in under 5.6 seconds – more than a second faster than its predecessor.

Electric range has increased, too. The 45e is capable of around three times more distance on electric power alone than its 40e predecessor, at 50 miles.

The car's top speed is 146mph, while maximum speed in electric mode is now 87mph rather than the 76mph of the 40e.

Power is put to the road through an eight-speed automatic gearbox and sent to all four wheels – as you'd hope on a chunky SUV such as this. Don't expect off-road performance to match a Range Rover, but BMW says the new X5 is far better on the rough stuff than its predecessor yet still retains 'sporty driving pleasure on the road'.

Carbon dioxide emissions dip below the crucial 50g/km – the threshold at which the X5 is classified as an ultra-low emissions car in some European markets. BMW claims fuel economy of 134.5mpg, although this is highly dependent on driving conditions and the length of the journey.

Flagship V90 has effortless and refined performance

By John Griffiths

Volvo has unveiled a new and more powerful flagship for its premium V90 – and perhaps surprisingly it's petrol-powered.

The 2.0 litre, four cylinder unit is 'only' two litres but it's turbocharged, so its 250PS of power is complemented by 350 Newtonmetres of torque from just 1,800rpm.

Together, with an eight-speed auto transmission, it defines the car's character – effortless and refined performance befitting a premium executive express.

Named the T5, this new engine takes the power mantle from the petrol T4, with its 190Ps output, which continues as a mainstay of the range.

It's also a new option for the Swedish company's flagship XC90 SUV.

Where a few years ago diesel dominated – principally due to its overall economy and tax liabilities based on its generally lower CO2 ratings – the tide began to turn in favour of petrol three years ago or so.

Dropped

Now, more petrol models than diesels are being sold and some manufacturers of smaller cars have dropped oil burners altogether.

The change was accelerated by the extra four per cent levy on diesel company cars which came into effect in April.

It's also down to the development of smaller, lighter petrol engines with turbocharging to emulate that lazy, torquey performance and greater economy almost reaching diesel levels.

Volvo itself dropped six cylinder engines some years ago, committing to a four pot only future (except for the new 1.5 litre three cylinder units).

The T5 powers the big V90 estate, for example, from a standstill to 62mph in 6.8 seconds yet is capable of averaging 41.5mpg – only a fraction less than the 190PS T4.

Although the T5 costs £3,000 more, model for model, the fact that its economy and CO2 figures (157g/km) are so close means the all important benefit-in-kind tax for business users is the same, and car tax is the basic £140.

The V90 test car was an R-Design costs from £45,850, around £6,000 less than the similarly powered D5 diesel, but that also has all wheel drive.

The T5-powered XC90 costs from £50,435 to £59,235.

Its figures are 35.8mpg and 184g/km, while the 0 to 62mph dash takes 7.9 seconds – very competitive vital statistics for a large all-wheel drive car.

The T5 feels lively in both cars, but it's also very refined – running most on minimal revs and in virtual silence.

That's due to the power/torque combination, of course, and has all the luxury ambience of a larger capacity V8 of only a few years ago. The 'smaller is beautiful' theme continues with the car's dynamics, the smaller, largely aluminium engine being considerably lighter so that the V90 turns in and changes directions more sharply.

In spite of the R-Design model's lowered sports chassis the ride is impressively smooth and the driver can dial in eco, comfort, sport and individual driving models.

Ride comfort is completed by the big, contoured leather sports seats in the front, with electrical adjustment and extendable cushions.

The rear has limousine-like leg and headroom, making the car comfortable for up to five adults while carrying 560 litres (and well over double that with the rear seats folded).

R-Design is the sportiest trim, with features such as sports pedals, high gloss back and metal mesh inlays.

Front LED foglights with cornering function to complement the active LED headlights.

Like the rest of the range, it has a central colour touchscreen controller as well as a configurable, 12.3-inch driver information display.

The touch screen, for audio, connectivity and navigation functions – even the dual zone climate control – is a model of clarity and probably one of the easiest and most intuitive to use.

It makes the cockpit clean and tidy, with no need for drivers to be searching among a plethora of buttons and switches.

The list of equipment on the V90 is a very long one indeed, beginning with the entry-level Momentum and either the sportily-themed R-Design or R-Design Pro or the rather more restrained luxury of the Inscription and Inscription Pro.

With the British market (to say nothing of others abroad) seeing a revival of petrol's fortunes in the premium car sector, Volvo needed the T4 and T5 engines for both the V90 and XC90.

The engineering with which it has achieved its goal is impressive: smaller and lighter than some of its six and eight cylinder rivals but with the high levels of refinement expected of an executive express.

As a result, the relative economy and emissions figures of both compared to class rivals, plus the ranges' price structure, mean the sort of comparative running costs and tax levels which might even make an accountant smile.

For the ultimate green machines in these two model ranges, there's also the T8 option – a petrol electric hybrid which cost more (from £59,250 for the V90, £66,070 for the XC90) but attract the lowest tax rates.

Rare 1968 Ford Anglia is donated to museum

A rare 1968 Ford Anglia 123E Super has been donated to the British Motor Museum by Chris and Michael Gates.

The car, which is in fantastic condition with only 32,000 miles on the clock, has been in their family since new and was originally owned by Chris's grandmother. It is now located on the Time Road as part of the permanent collection to be enjoyed by thousands of visitors to the museum.

This more powerful version of the Anglia joined the range in 1962 and was known as the Anglia Super. The Super used a larger 1198cc (1200) version of the standard Anglia engine and enjoyed improved performance as a result. The new model also had a two-tone paint scheme which consisted of a side stripe and roof panel painted in a contrasting colour.

Other "extras" included full wheel trims, better interior trim, a new front grille and extra badges.

The Anglia Super lasted in production with the basic models until the new Escort appeared in 1967.

Stephen Laing, curator, said: "We would like to thank Chris and Michael Gates for this very kind donation which guarantees the car's future and makes it available for everyone to enjoy.

"The Anglia is one of the favourite British family cars of the 1960s so I'm sure many of our visitors will connect with it. It was probably the first car I travelled in as my parents owned an Anglia when I was born!"

The British Motor Museum frequently get offered items of all shapes and sizes. However not every car offered to the museum is accepted, especially if its something similar or a duplicate. The museum has strict procedures about what it can accept to ensure the car is right for the collection and there is adequate space for it.

To find out more about the British Motor Museum visit www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk or call 01926 641188.

Local Specialists

Alarms

METRO ALARMS AND SECURITY

CCTV SYSTEMS
accessed via phones and tablets

NEW PROFESSIONAL WIRELESS SYSTEM
No Mess! Simple to use Remote Controlled
• **Burgler Alarm Repairs**
• Home Alarm Installation
• Upgrades Close Circuit TV
• 30 Years Experience • Video Entry Systems
• Alarms Serviced From £30
Free Quotes & Advice
01384 350 687
07904 317 150
(Any Time)
www.metro-alarms.co.uk

Blinds & Curtains

Blinds4Less
Choose From a fantastic range!
-Pleated -Venetians
-Romans -Curtains
-Verticals -Awnings
-Rollers -Shutters
New range of Chainless Verticals and Night and Day Rollers
Give us a try before you buy!
Contact us on 01384 886162 and 07989 588728
Blinds4lessdirect.com

Double Glazing

MISTY UNITS REPLACED
Buy Direct from the manufacturer. Est. 1999
Reduce heat loss by up to 75%
Also upgrade your existing double glazed units to Pilkington Energikare, it will help to reduce the amount of heat lost through your windows by up to 75%, lock, handles, hinges.

WITH A 10 YEAR GUARANTEE AND FITTING SERVICE AVAILABLE
HIGH SECURITY DOOR BARRELS NOW BEING FITTED
WE HAVE A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER
01384 918383
Delph Glazed Units
Unit 32 Delph Rd Ind Est (by the tank), Brierley Hill DY5 2UA
Visit our new website
www.delphglazedunits.co.uk
Mobile: 07887 520599

Double Glazing

Lutley Windows Ltd
Repairs or Replacement Windows, Doors & Conservatories, Misted Units, UPVC Locksmith
Great Prices, Free Quotes
Call Mark: **07885 917277**
www.lutleywindows.co.uk

Driveways

DISCOUNT DRIVEWAYS
Block Paving and Tarmac Drives • Red Tarmac Car Parks • Resurfacing
5 Year Guarantee On All Work
Free Quotations and Advice
Checkatrade

Tel: 01384 79900 • 07583 170190
www.discountdriveways.co.uk

Decorating

GRAHAM THE DECORATOR
High Class Interior & Exterior Decorating
Over 35 years' experience
Call Graham on 07950701997
(Free Quote)

GRAHAM THE DECORATOR
High Class Interior & Exterior Decorating
Over 35 years' experience
Call Graham on 07950701997
(Free Quote)

Electricians

R&D ELECTRICS
All Domestic Electrical work including Alarms
N.I.C.E.I.C. Registered
FREE QUOTES
Call Ron on:
07773 645854
or **01384 422182**

REWIRING EXPERTS.co.uk
All domestic and commercial electrical works undertaken
Home rewiring from £800
For a high quality local service call:
01384 660398
07939 503905

Local Specialists

Our Specialist Section offers you a wide range of local businesses and tradesman to deal with your needs and requirements.

Gutter Cleaning

Gutter Cleaning Services

£40 per property
Are they blocked?
Full of dirt, leaves & moss?
Are they over flowing when it rains?
Repairs Undertaken
NO MESS NO RISK NO FUSS
AVOID COSTLY REPAIR BILLS
Call 07738 616 075

Garage Doors

GARADOR - CARDALE - SELECT - WESSEX - HENDERSON - HORMANN
SECTIONALS - UP & OVERS - SIDE-HINGED - ROLLERS - MOTORISED
RELIADOR GARAGE DOORS
SALES - INSTALLATION - REPAIRS
SAME DAY SERVICE
01384 386909
07858 299305
NO FIX NO FEE!
www.reliador.co.uk - reliadorgd@gmail.com
CALL US NOW FOR A FREE QUOTE

Gardening

ROWAN
TREE AND GARDEN SERVICES
• Tree Surgeon Specialist • Jungles Cleared/Full Landscapes
• Hedges Pruned/Shaped • Stump Grinding/Root Removal
• Fencing • Turfing • Concreting • Driveways & Patios
• Plus Much More Call Now For a No Obligation quotation
WWW.ROWANGROUP.CO.UK
01384 213644 or 07733 226568
AGE CONCERN & Local Authority Contractor, N.P.T.C. qualified, Public Liability Insurance (£5 million) All staff C.R.B. Certified

R.A. GARDEN SERVICES
Established 24 years
Gardening & Landscaping Services
Including: • Tree Lopping • Hedge Cutting
• Lawn Mowing • Fencing & Slabbing
• Low Maintenance Landscaping • Gardens Cleared
FULLY INSURED • OAP DISCOUNTS
FOR FREE QUOTE CALL:
07970 876 638 • 01384 569 148
www.ragardenservices.net

Gardening

LINDOPS LANDSCAPES
All Landscape Work Undertaken
No Job Too Small or Too Big
FREE QUOTATIONS
All aspects of Tree Surgery, Block Paving, Fencing, etc
Est. 25 Years
Ex. Botanical Gardener
0121-421 2858
07706 - 747960

Plumbing & Heating

KEN PERRY
PLUMBING & HEATING ENGINEER
Gas Fitting, Boiler Servicing and Immersion Heaters, Multi Point Water Heaters, Landlord's Gas Certificates, Boilers changed
Guild of Master Craftsmen
Gas Safe Registered
STOURBRIDGE 392284

SEDGLEY TREE CARE
Professional Tree Surgeon
All aspects of tree work undertaken
• CONTRACT TREE CLIMBER
• TREE REMOVAL
• CROWN REDUCTION
• STUMP GRINDING
• HEDGE TRIMMING
• GARDEN CLEARANCES
ALL WASTE REMOVED
NPTC QUALIFIED
07746813358 or 01902 507082
FOR A FREE QUOTE

P.S. Heating & Plumbing
Combi Boiler change from £950
Specialists in Biasi / Baxi / Worcester Bosch / Vaillant Boilers plus many more
SPECIAL OFFERS ON FULL HEATING SYSTEMS
NATURAL & LPG GAS
Fully Insured up to £2 million
Free Quotation
07961 140885
safe 301067

Loft Ladders

The Loft Ladder Man
Loft Ladders fitted from £120 inclusive
New or enlarged hatches
T & G Flooring, Lighting
Call Luke on 07779 118807 or 01384 833025
lukejs248@gmail.com
We will beat any like for like quote
like our brand new facebook page @ theloftladderman
Fully Insured

To advertise your business and reach more than 52,000 potential customers...

Call us on: **01384 399901**

Post to: **Advertisement Department, Stourbridge Chronicle, Black Country House, Rounds Green Road, Oldbury B69 2DG**

Local Specialists

Skip Hire

A.J.B. Waste Management

Try us for a **FREE** no obligation quotation
FOR A CHEAP RUBBISH REMOVAL 6 DAYS
Small jobs NOT A PROBLEM
We load, No Skips, Free quotation
GARDEN, HOUSEHOLD, SHED, GARAGE, WHITE GOODS, HOUSE CLEARANCES FURNITURE.
You can also bring your own waste to our fully licensed transfer station
CALL TODAY AND LETS TALK RUBBISH
Tel 0121 520 7731

MT SKIPS & GRAB HIRE
Save £££s
All size skips and all areas covered
Same day delivery faster than A phone call!!!
Open 7 days a week
SCRAP CARS REMOVED FOR FREE
YOU FILL 'EM WE MT 'EM
07920 88 57 74 or 01384 24 09 56

ALL RUBBISH REMOVED
WE LOAD FOR YOU
GARDEN, HOUSE, FACTORY, SHOP AND LAND CLEARANCES
From single items to large loads
CHEAPER THAN A SKIP
Immediate onsite quotation
Telephone 7 days a week 8.00am-9.00pm
Tel: 01384 469681
Always a friendly service
Business Waste Licence CB/TP3394LH

Our Specialist Section offers you a wide range of local businesses and tradesman to deal with your needs and requirements.

Roofing

ROOFING SERVICES
One of the Leading Roofing Companies
No Job too Small, No Job too Big
- Gutters Cleaned From £15
- Small Repairs From £15
- Pointing Work From £15

SPECIAL OFFERS
on all UPVC Fascias, Gutters, New Roofs/Slate Tile & Felt and Garage Roofs.
- Rubberised flat roofing
- Flat roof specialist
- Insurance work undertaken
- Est 25 years
- Discounted for OAPs
- Exterior Painting

FREE QUOTES AVAILABLE
WILL BEAT ANY GENUINE QUOTE
SPECIAL OFFER on EPDM Rubberised Roofing
Home: 01384 872276
Mobile: 07584 081228

Roofing

M&M Roofing & Fascias
Est 2001
Quality

- uPVC Fascias
- Soffits
- Guttering
- Cladding
- All aspects of roofing
- New roofs/repairs
- Flat roofs
- Tiling/slating
- Dry verges
- Approved fibre glass installer

Also
CONCRETE GUTTERING
Specialist removal
Replacing with
Modern low maintenance
Upvc Fascias and Soffits

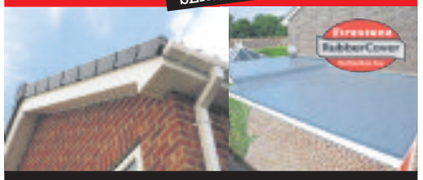
All work guaranteed with HomePro Insurance
Registered with HomePro Insurance
Membership No. 554518
TRUST MARK Government Endorsed Standards www.trustmark.org.uk
FAIRTRADES
No Free Gimmicks Family Business
Local References if required
Giving homeowners peace of mind
ALWAYS FREE ADVICE AND QUOTATION
Freephone 0800 799 9413
Mob: 07906 724736
to speak to Mark
123 Amblecote Road, Brierley Hill, West Midlands DY5 2YD

ELITE PLASTICS

- Fascias • Softs • Dry Verge
- Pointing • Gutter Cleaning And Repair

Premium Products Expertly Fitted With Full Manufacture Guarantee.
For A Free Quote call
01384 468831 / 07985 575865
www.eliteplasticsupvc.co.uk

A & L ROOFLINE
SERVICES



Specialists in Flat Roofs
UPVC Facias & Guttering
All Repairs Undertaken
Dry verge units fitted
Call **Lee** on **07495 480511**
Free Quotes and we will beat any like for like quote

Tree Surgeon

TREE SURGEONS
11 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN ALL ASPECTS OF TREE MAINTENANCE & TREE FELLING, STUMP REMOVAL, HEDGE TRIMMING
CALL US ON:
07817 553 346
01384 387 016
TERRA FIRMA ARBORICULTURE
info@terrafirma-arb.co.uk
www.terrafirma-arb.co.uk

You should be able to trust the ads you see.
If an ad is wrong, the ASA is here to put it right.
ASA.org.uk
Advertising Standards Authority

To advertise your business and reach more than 52,000 potential customers...
Call us on: 01384 399901
Post to: Advertisement Department, Stourbridge Chronicle, Black Country House, Rounds Green Road, Oldbury B69 2DG

Classified Ads

Buy Local, **Sell** Local

Index

1 Family
2 Leisure Time
3 Home & Services
4 Pets & Animals
5 Business & Farming
6 Property
7 Jobs
8 Motoring
9 Local Information
10 Personals

Free Ads

IT'S FREE IT'S EASY

For items up to **£250**

VISIT:

bookanad.expressandstar.co.uk

Simply press the free ad icon.
Sorry, no pets, guns or livestock.
Private advertisers only.

Place a paid for advert

By Phone 01902 317878
8.30am - 5.30pm Mon - Fri.
Closed Sat/Sun and Bank Holidays

Online
bookanad.expressandstar.co.uk

In person
At your local Express & Star Office.
Cancel/amend, call before 3.00pm Monday - Friday for the next day's advertisement or also before 3.00pm Friday for Monday's advertisement.

Funeral Directors

J.T. BROOKES
Independent family run Funeral Directors
24 hour service
Brierley Hill 01384 77098
Kingswinford 01384 296683
Hagley 01562 888041
www.nedowning.co.uk

Wombourne Funeral Services & Monumental Masons
For your nearest branch call 01902 892635
wombournefuneralservices.co.uk

A TRADITION OF TRUST

"We are very pleased with the service offered by the Express & Star. Our business and advertising needs are always well met."

Wombourne Funeral Services

For great business results call
01902 319 191
ClassifiedAds
Brought to you by Express & Star

Christadelphian

SALVATION The Christadelphians, what they believe and why; October 28, at 6pm, The Community Centre, High Street, Kingswinford, Or write to The Dawn (ref:KCE) 5 Station Road, Carlton, Notts. NG4 3AT for free information pack or ring 01384 886544 for recorded message.

1 Family

Elderly & Disabled

WORLD OF MOBILITY
Stourbridge's longest established Family Run Mobility Store
Brettell Lane, Amblecote, Stourbridge DY8 4BS. Open Mon-Sat.
01384 378252

WREKIN STAIRLIFTS reconditioned lifts from £799. New available. 01952 405397/07897 273617

2 Leisure Time

Caravans Wanted

LET US SELL YOUR CARAVAN/ Motorhome for you and get the best possible price. Severn Valley Leisure, DY8 4HP. 01384 390183

All Caravans Wanted
Any Age or Condition
CASH * WAITING
Immediate collection
Call Bill on 07825 325 913

TOURING CARAVAN WANTED. No objection to work, anything considered. Please telephone 07980 365757.

holidays

Caravan Sales

A CHOICE OF CARAVANS FOR sale from £1995 to £6995, accessory shop, service, repairs,storage. Severn Valley Leisure Stourbridge,DY8 4HP 01384 390183 www.severnvalleyleisure.com

Jumble Sales / Fetes

BRIC-A-BRAC FAIR
Sunday, 28th October
KINVER COMMUNITY CENTRE, DY7 6ER
10.30am - 4pm
Next Sale: 11th November
Tel: 01384 894464

what's on

Table Top Sale

INDOOR BOOT SALE AND COLLECTABLES
Sunday, 11th, 18th and 25th November and Sunday 2nd and 9th December.
£10 per table.
Wordsley Community Centre (behind library) 9am to 1pm.
07852 706533.
Raising money for Birmingham Children's Hospital.

3 Home & Services

Collectables & Memorabilia

WANTED OLD VIOLIN
Must have 14in main body.
Needs to be 100 plus years old.
Any condition considered.
07922 618451.

Furniture

BED 4ft 6 double, luxury memory foam mattress, 2 drawer divan base, all unused, packaged, cost over £1,000, accept £235. 07787 636984.

Items For Sale

CORRUGATED GALVANISED Sheets. New, £8 can deliver. Also rooflights and box profile. David Broxton on 07834 489558.

Items Wanted

READERS ARE ADVISED to carefully consider all of their options before agreeing to the sale of any of their items.

WANTED
Pre 1980 Plastic or Lead Britains, Herald, Airfix, Timpo and Crescent figures, vehicles, farm, zoo, floral gardens, buildings etc.
Call Daz 07498 036229
Best cash prices paid.

A BEST CASH PRICE PAID FOR DIE CAST CARS / LORRIES
Britains, Corgi, Dinky, Spot on, Tri-ang, Danbury Mint and Mamod Engines.
Best prices paid.
Any condition.
Collections bought.
Telephone 01922 327897 or 07976 691563.

WANTED
ALL MILLITARIA ITEMS FROM WARS WANTED BY COLLECTOR
Swords, medals, helmets etc, single or full items.
German, Japenese, British.
Will collect.
Very good prices paid.
07511 500337.

WANTED
AUTO MEMORABILIA WANTED
Old oil cans, bottles, shell, BP, Esso, Mobil oil anything related.
Enamel signs, old posters
Classic cars and garage clearances.
01384 836219/07891 713547

BEST CASH PRICE

FOR ALL RAILWAY COLLECTIONS
Any gauge or age
Hornby/Bachmann/Bowmans/Roundhouse/Graham/Farsh/any live steam. Also Die Cast, Corgi, Dinky, Spot On.
01384 836219/07891 713547
thetrainmaster67@hotmail.com

SPECTRUM GAMES wanted plus any 48K or 128k+2 Spectrum computers wanted also any old crash or sinclair magazines 01902 892918.

Kitchens & Bathrooms

MICROWAVE, SHARP, Breville toaster and kettle, in good working order, £40. 01902 744168.

specialists at your service

Alarms/Security

PREMIER ALARMS
Supplied and Fitted £249
Servicing and Repairs
12 Months Warranty
All areas covered
All quotes beaten!
Call: 0121 601 9791

Aerials

A AERIAL & SKY ANY TV REPAIRS
Digital Aerials Fitted
Sky & CCTV Cameras
Free Quotes. 7 days
07850 330251

CLASSIFIEDS Tried & Tested...

"I am very pleased with the great response that I get from my Classified Advertising Contract."

AA Digital Aerials

Steve - AA Digital Aerials

For great business results call
01902 319 191
ClassifiedAds
Brought to you by Express & Star

AA DIGITAL AERIALS
AERIALS FITTED FROM £79.99
01902 858191 • 01384 429166
01543 439095 • 01922 716029

Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning

A CLASS Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning Unbeatable Prices. OAP discounts. Call Paul 07870 341089

Electrical Services

STEVE JONES ELECTRICAL Rewires/sockets/fuse boards etc. All domestic and commercial work. 07786 858977/01902 846167.

Fencing

PORTWAY FENCING
SPECIAL OFFER
10 Bays of quality fencing, concrete posts, gravel boards £795
Heavy duty panels supplied & fitted.
0121 531 5250 / 07866 137 656
Mon - Fri 8am - 4.30pm
Sat 8am - 12noon
83 Portway Rd, W'bury
DELIVERY AVAILABLE
www.portwayfencing.co.uk

CLASSIFIEDS Tried & Tested...

"My Classified Sales Representative has done a professional job on my website to help my online presence and I would recommend them to any other local businesses."

Michael - Portway Fencing

For great business results call
01902 319 191
ClassifiedAds
Brought to you by Express & Star

Gas Fitting

READERS ARE ADVISED To check that anyone carrying out any Gas work is Gas Safe Registered.

It is an offence under the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 to carry out gas work in the UK without being on the Gas Safe Register.

House Clearances

ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING CLEARED
FULL OR PART, GARAGES AND SHEDS RUBBISH REMOVED WASTE LICENCE
01384 486456 / 07711661135

A ABSOLUTE BEST cash price paid for house clearances and bereavements. Also removals undertaken. **07852 172641 / 07710 360327 / 01902 534021**

Painters/ Decorators

LOVE 2 WALLPAPER
Reliable & Friendly, Professional
Female Painters & Decorators
Attention to detail, competitive prices.
For the Perfect Finish with minimum hassle.
Plastering & Coving Work Undertaken
01384 287577 or 07812 484194
www.love-2-wallpaper.co.uk

Removals

KT HOUSE REMOVALS
13 years experience.
SINGLE ITEMS TO FULL LOADS.
LOCAL OR DISTANCE. FULLY INSURED.
Free Quotes - Call Ric on:
07771 727119

KINGSWINFORD REMOVALS AND HOUSE CLEARANCES
We move anything.
Professional service,
45 years' experience,
DFS approved and we take the stress away.
Please call:
07966 281957

CALL IAN. Man with a large van. No job too small, no distance too far. 07973 628534, 01902 891535.

Rubbish Removal

LETS TALK RUBBISH No skips needed. Load/remove any waste house clearance. 07969 628382

SELL YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS FOR

** Cheaper than ebay!

ONLY **£9.99**

FOR 6 NIGHTS IN PRINT AND ONLINE IN YOUR LOCAL EXPRESS & STAR.

- ✔ No hidden costs
- ✔ Buyer collects
- ✔ No postage or returns
- ✔ Local sellers to local people
- ✔ It's that simple!!

Call us on 01902 317878
or book online at bookanad.expressandstar.co.uk

Private advertisers only
No pets, livestock, property or personals
**Ebay price checked 2/1/18
ClassifiedAds

Skip Hire

BIG JOHN MOVES RUBBISH! No Skips, we load, fast friendly service, 25 Lister Rd, Dudley DY2 8JR, Est 40 years, 01384 232359.

Tiling

AMBER TILING
Floors, Walls, Bathrooms
No jobs too big or small
FREE QUOTES CALL:
0121 769 2822
07881 671441

t.v. / home entertainment

Service

AERIAL AND TV SPECIALIST Any TV Repairs. Digital aerials, sky, CCTV cameras. TV wall mounts. Free quote/any area. 07850 330251.

CLASSIFIEDS Tried & Tested...

"I have a newspaper advertising campaign in The Shropshire Star, The Express & Star and all the weekly titles, as well as an online directory, together it generates a generous response."
Bill - TV Link

For great business results call
01902 319 191
ClassifiedAds
Brought to you by Express & Star

4 Pets & Animals

Pets Corner

GREYHOUNDS MAKE WONDERFUL PETS
All neutered, innoculated and microchipped.
Call 01902 291080 or visit
www.gtwolverhampton.co.uk
Greyhound Trust Wolverhampton
@gtwolverhampton

NOTICE TO READERS
Please be aware that when purchasing a puppy there are some simple guidelines you can follow to ensure that you are not purchasing from a Puppy Farmer:
1. Try to ensure you visit the puppy whilst it is still with it's Mother.
2. Do not arrange to collect a puppy from any other location than that of the breeder.
3. Ensure that you are given any KC documentation, if pedigree.
Whilst Midland News Association publications take great care to avoid publication of advertisements from Puppy Farmers we cannot accept any liability should readers purchase from this kind of establishment.

Guns & Dogs

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS
Advertisers must ensure that they meet all necessary legal requirements for owning and using guns.

FWB SPORT 124, cal 177, refinished stock, excellent condition, £320. 07821 823308.

5 Business & Farming

Fruit Picking

PYO APPLES at Norbury's Norrest Farm
7 miles from Worcester on A4103 Worcester to Hereford Rd
Kidd's Orange Red, Braeburn, Jonagored, Crispin and Bramley. - Open: Wed to Fri 2pm-5pm Weekends 10am-5pm

6 Property

Accommodation To Let

FLAT FOR single mature person, self contained with own amenities, nice surroundings, £95pw. Call Nathan on 07715 603357.

PENDEFORD, W-ton, 3 bed detached, CH, parking, excellent, no DSS. £595pcm. 01902 781997.

Houses for sale

HOUSE FOR SALE
Terraced, 2 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, well presented, front and rear access, Dunstall Park Area.
£110,000
07383 702874.

Properties Wanted

Yes! HOMEBUYERS
We will buy your house fast!
Free Valuation? Yes! Any House? Yes!
Fast Sale? Yes! Any Location? Yes!
No Fees? Yes! Any Condition? Yes!
FREE, GUARANTEED, instant offer today!
Call 01562 277 067
or text "Cash" to 66777
yeshomebuyers.com

Home Cash Buyer
Sell today, sign today, complete when u wish
£££ RENT BACK OPTIONS £££
Houses / Land Required
We also buy Commercial Property
Ring Paul 24/7 Local 07870 341 089
Sandwell area: Call 0121 696 4154
Walsall & Cannock area: Call 01922 432049
Wolverhampton: Call 01902 489901
www.homecashbuyer.co.uk

Properties Wanted

BCH BLACK COUNTRY HOMES
WE PAY 100% of purchase price EVERYTIME!
Cash for your house FAST
If you agree the price, we buy the house....
• No agents fees • Completion to suit you
• Free solicitors • Any house, any condition
0800 999 999 6
01384 500 500
30 Years Experience
www.black-countryhomes.co.uk *subject to terms

7 Jobs

Courses

ABK SECURITY SERVICES LIMITED
We provide Training in:
• First Aid / Health & Safety • Safe Moving & Handling • Security (SIA)
Call 01299 879 015
Email enquiries@abktraining.co.uk | www.abksecurity.com

8 Motoring

Cars Over £1500

MUST BE SEEN

VAUXHALL ASTRA CLUB
1.3 CDTi, 58 reg, MoT'd, good condition.
£1,825 ono.
07864 842076

Cars Over £1500

IMMACULATE

FORD FIESTA ST
2007, 63000 miles, Red, Custom Cat-back Exhaust, RamAir Filter, Lowered 35mm, Quantum Remap, TRC Front Splitter, abs, electric windows, 12 Month MOT, air conditioning, long service history, alarm, power steering, tax, alloys, leather interior
£3,500 ono
07470676307

FORD FIESTA ZETEC 1.4
2009, 75000 miles, burgundy red, 12 months mot, electric mirrors, alarm, alloys, electric windows,heated front screen 12 months MOT, stereo, air bag, full service history, power steering, central locking, CD player
£3,250 ono
07835818212

FORD FIESTA ZETEC 5DR
2010. 83,000 miles. FSH
One owner from new, superb condition.
£3,495.
01902 744023.

EXCELLENT CONDITION

FORD FOCUS
10 months M.O.T. Recent set of tyres and battery. H.F.S. F.S.H. Unmarked interior, excellent bodywork. Drives superbly. Owners books, spare key and recipts present. Selling due to arrival of company car. Cambelt changed. Mileage 103,000.
£2,500 ono
07817113369

JAGUAR S TYPE V8 SE AUTO
2004 (04), full service history, 99K, all MoT's, Sat Nav, leather, parrot etc, superb throughout, last proper Jaguar, next classic?
£2995
07970 705466.

ONE OWNER

VAUXHALL ADAM JAM
Dec 2014, 14,800 miles, White, Urban Pack, rear parking sensors, boot liner, diamond bright paint protection, one lady owner, main dealer service history, full mot, immaculate
£5,495 ono
01902 895696

VAUXHALL ZAFIRA 1.9 CDTI
2010, Silver, low mileage 60k, FSH, MOT June '19, top spec Elite, 6-speed, climate control, leather interior, heated seats, current owner last 5 years, recent tyres, family 7-seater car, excellent condition
£3,950 ono
07709526629

Cars Under £1500

BARGAIN

CITROEN XSARA PICASSO XS
2003, nice condition, needs indicator switch for MOT.
£500 ono
01902 630572.

REAL BARGAIN!

FORD KA
1200cc, 2007, MoT, low miles, power steering, economical.
Looks and drives great
£750
07365 796477.

FULL SERVICE HISTORY

FORD STREET KA
Blue, 69000 miles. No tax, MoT expired July. Scratch on side, needs painting.
Will need trailer to move.
£450 ono.
07850 555467.

1ST TO SEE WILL BUY

MGZR 1.4
2005, owned from new, rarely used, low miles, regularly serviced, new MoT, extras.
Offers £895.
07931 356797.

PEUGEOT 207 SPORT ESTATE HDI
1.6 diesel, 2009, 59 reg, blue, Sep 2019 mot, 116000 miles, average 50mpg, £30 per year tax, well looked after
£1,495 ono
07796 761902.

SUZUKI LIANA
Silver, 1.6 GLX, 2007, 105,000 miles, MoT till March 2019.
£400 ono.
07598 780472.

Classic Cars

WANTED

CLASSIC CAR
Running or not. Jaguar, Mercedes SL, Porsche, TR6, Stag, MG etc or anything interesting considered. Condition not important.
Please Telephone
Ron 07733 784015.

Motorbikes

SUZUKI SB200 MOTORCYCLE
1981, MoT, 10,500 miles, good condition.
£1,500 ono.
07947 950882.

WANTED Honda Superdream spares. CB, CJ 250/360 bike or spares. 07958 449215.

MUST BE SEEN

YAMAHA MT07 TRACER
2016, low mileage, superb condition, fabulous sports tourer.
£5,200.
01902 741598.

Scrap Vehicles

mainline Salvage & Recovery
• SCRAP CARS WANTED
• FREE COLLECTION
• TOP PRICES PAID
Fully Licensed • C.O.D Issued
No Fines • No Comebacks
1000's of vehicle parts in stock
01902 871111 • 07772 240819
07895 346811
www.mainlinesalvage.co.uk

A1 SF RECOVERY
SCRAP CARS WANTED
£100 Minimum Guaranteed paid for complete cars
Collection 7 days a week
07813 184611

A BETTER PRICE
for scrap or damaged cars and commercials. Spares for sale.
NINE LOCKS VEHICLE DISMANTLERS LTD
Brierley Hill 01384 76566 or 70553. Evenings 75397. DY5 3JZ.

OUR ADVERTISERS are reminded that it is an offence under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 to buy scrap cars/metal for cash.

Vehicles Wanted

WANTED

CLASSIC CAR
Running or not. Jaguar, Mercedes SL, Porsche, TR6, Stag, MG etc or anything interesting considered. Condition not important.
Please Telephone
Ron 07733 784015.

alan reed cars
Used cars wanted for cash
Top prices paid. HP settled.
Buyer could call.
01562 711083 / 07831 245313

WANTED

SMALL HATCHBACK CAR
WANTED
Must be in good condition
Up to £5,000 paid.
Telephone 07961 589264.

spares & accessories

Clutches/Brakes/ Gearboxes

A CLUTCH CHANGE MOBILE
Petrol Nissan Qashqai, Juke, Note, Vauxhall Zafira, Corsa New Cliios, Picantos and MANY MORE!!
Ring for quotes
30 yrs experience
ALL AREAS COVERED
Call Bob
01384 251328 07972 169554
anytime

9 Local Information

Public Notices

LEGAL / PUBLIC NOTICES
For convenience you may fax any advertising requirements to
Marie Hogg on
01902 319694
or email marie.hogg@expressandstar.co.uk
(remember to include a name/contact number for confirmation of receipt)

BUY LOCAL SELL LOCAL
01902 317878
ClassifiedAds

PATRICIA DUNN (Deceased)
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 10 Spicer Lodge, Enville Street, Stourbridge DY8 1BS, who died on 26/06/2018, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 27/12/2018, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.
Peter Oliver, The London Gazette (6982), PO Box 3584, Norwich NR7 7WD.

10 Personals

General

DOUBLE BURIAL PLOT HAll Green Cemetery, Bradley, Bilston. Offers over £2,500. 07767 856423 or 07925 103597.

Personal

CLASSIC GUY, 54 SLIM, 5FT 10INS
Black hair, brown eyes.
Loving, kind, caring, sincere, easy going, romantic, sensitive, spiritual, friendly.
Own business.
Looking for a female soulmate to share my life with.
Age unimportant.
Single Moms welcome.
Box Number P21370
Express and Star
Queen Street
Wolverhampton
WV1 1ES

Joseph tries out the different shots

Is this the best way to hold the racket?

Think I'm getting the hang of this

Chris Dawson passes on a few tips to Joseph Masi

Having a ball by hitting the wall

SPORTING FEATURE

By Joseph Masi

IT'S been described as the world's healthiest sport. But while there are more squash courts in England than any other country – 8,500 in fact – the amount of people playing the game is falling.

But thousands of players recently picked up their rackets to celebrate World Squash Day.

And Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club is doing everything it can to encourage people to take up the sport.

The club runs with the slogan 'Get healthy, play sport and make friends'. And coach Chris Dawson, who gave me my first squash lesson, believes the game is perfect for anyone looking to improve their health and fitness.

"The aim for us is to get more people to give squash a go – because we're confident once they do, they will take to it straight away," he said.

"It's a great game for fitness and I'd encourage anyone of an age to get involved because there are so many different sides to the game.

Different

"There are a few simple rules. But there are so many different shots you can play.

"You can play with power and hit the ball hard and fast. But it's very easy to slow that down. Everyone can find their niche. It's all about controlling the ball, concentrating all the time and being one step ahead.

"It's like a game of chess, everyone has a weakness – it's about finding that."

With more than 1,000 members, Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club has a variety of ways people can get into the sport. Courts can be hired between friends, one-on-one lessons are available and there are also leagues for people looking for a competitive edge.

But it is the club's 'mixer' sessions that are ideal for newcomers, with players able to go up against different people while learning new skills.

"The great thing here is that there is always somebody who wants a game," Dawson continued. "We have over 1,000 members and there is something for everybody.

"You can book a court, have individual lessons and there are also internal leagues.

"Our mixer sessions are also popular and take place on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and everybody is welcome. We normally have a group of around eight people turn up so we open four or five courts.

"You then play against each other but, often it won't just be a game. One of the coaches will set a certain routine to help you improve your game. In a game, all you think about is winning the rally. But if you're given a routine, you are trying to do something with the ball and it quickly helps you to improve."

> ***"The aim for us is to get more people to give squash a go – because we're confident once they do, they will take to it straight away,"***

While some people may find it daunting to walk into a squash club, Dawson – who recently moved down from Lancashire – says everyone is made to feel welcome in Wolverhampton.

"I have only been here about a month but everyone has been very friendly and very welcoming," he continued.

Slower

"And here you can go at your own pace and make the game your own. The first step is to come down and try it and you can pick it up at any age.

"There are people here in their 80s playing squash. There is also racket ball, which is slower and has a bigger ball which bounces more and gives you more time.

"The important thing to remember is the game is all about movement. If your movement is right, if you can pick up just a few small things, the game isn't as tough as you think.

"It's all about making it efficient for yourself."

As well as encouraging older people to take up the sport, Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club also wants to see more youngsters playing the game.

The club runs coaching sessions for youngsters aged between five and 17. And Dawson is eager to get more through the door.

"As far as juniors go, on the tennis side – we've got quite a few, but on the squash side we're trying to build it up," he added. "We haven't got that many at the moment but we're hoping to change that."

To book call (01902) 755265 or email club@wltsc.com

More information can also be found at www.wltsc.com

Baggies Bomber now on board with BCB

'BAGGIES Bomber' Tommy Langford has joined the Black Country Boxing stable. The former British middleweight champion has signed a management contract with BCB Promotions and will work alongside trainer Tom Chaney.

Langford will step up to super middleweight as he plots a course back to boxing's big time in 2019. BCB's Errol Johnson said: "I'm delighted to bring Tommy to BCB. He had two absolute wars with Jason Welborn this year and showed, especially in that second fight, real heart and courage.

"He was a pleasure to deal with on both occasions and now he is stepping up in weight, we believe he can be a real force in the super middleweight division."

"I am happy to be signing with BCB and for Errol to be working alongside Tom Chaney to plot my course back to the top," said Langford.

"I know I can perform at championship level at super middleweight and I'm looking forward to the journey ahead."

Women can get taste of American football

WOMEN are being urged to try their hand at American football with a series of taster sessions. Five-time British champions the Birmingham Lions are inviting females aged 17 or over to try out gridiron during at a rookie camp on the next two Saturdays, October 27 and November 3, at Avery Fields, on Sandon Road, from 9am-noon.

Created in 2014, the Lions were the first British women's club side to take on a European club abroad when they played French side Les Sparkles. They travelled to Finland in 2017 to take on national champions Helsinki Wolverines and in April 2018, they won the inaugural Diamond Bowl, Europe's first ever women's international tournament.

Club captain Jo Kilby said: "American Football is an incredibly empowering sport for women. Previous experience doesn't matter; in fact, many of our rookies last year had never played a contact sport in their lives."

For more about the team and rookie camps, see facebook.com/BhamLionsWM), Twitter (@BhamLionsWomen) and Instagram (@bhamlionswm)

Gavin steps up title fight preparations

FRANKIE Gavin has stepped up preparation ahead of his European welterweight title clash with champion Kerman Lejerraga, travelling by boat to Bilbao for a pre-fight press conference.

Despite travelling the world as an amateur, a 'bad flight' led to a fear of planes for the 33 year-old, and he will again travel to the Basque country by boat during fight week.

"Everyone knows I don't like flying," said Gavin. "I had a bad flight and now I choose not to fly. I caught a train to Plymouth and jumped on the ferry to Santander then got picked up and brought to Bilbao."

Gavin is wary of his opponent's power. 'The Revolver', a Bilbao native, is unbeaten in 26 professional fights with 21 KOs to his name."Kerman is a hard hitter," he added. "He's a tough lad and I know I'm up against it a bit. The atmosphere is intimidating but I'm prepared for that."

For tickets, at £50, visit https://www.fgringsidegym.co.uk/#compiiswgd71

Sport

Hitting the wall! Our man Joe makes a racket

Page 31

Spectacular goal denies Yeltz victory

Halesowen Town 1 Needham Market 1

HALESOWEN had to be content with a draw after a second-half goal from Lee Hughes was cancelled out by a wonder strike from Needham Market's Reece Dobson.

Manager John Hill was left with mixed feelings. "After taking a deserved lead, we had a great chance to make it 2-0 and wrap up the game. But, despite being disappointed not to take all three points, it's important to remember that we still remain unbeaten at home in the league."

Home captain Danny Bragoli's low shot was collected by visiting goalkeeper Jake Jessup after five minutes but the visitors soon settled and young home goalkeeper Cameron Gregory saved Gareth Heath's low shot after Luke Ingram flicked on with a 13th minute header.

Needham playmaker Heath went close with a clever back flick at the start of the second half and the same player's long free-kick was pushed away by Gregory.

Hughes gave Halesowen the lead in the 58th minute with a calm, controlled finish in front of a crowded goal from substitute Tobias Hayles-Docherty's right wing cross. The hosts had their chances to secure the win when Jessup saved with his legs from James Roberts, who also fired over in the 69th minute.

Yeltz paid the price as the Marketmen spectacularly equalised in the 76th minute, substitute Dobson flicking the ball up and volleying home from eight yards.

Halesowen are in FA Trophy first qualifying round action as they travel to Grantham on Saturday.

Blizzard storms to fast course finish in Great South Run

IT was another busy weekend for Dudley and Stourbridge Harriers. The youngsters kicked off with Luke Bailey, Cian Wood, and Rhys Lees travelling to Sutton Park for the West Midlands Cross Country trials at Sutton Park, representing Dudley.

Bailey finished fourth and will represent the West Midlands at Winsford in Cheshire on December 8. Lees and Wood were unlucky and narrowly missed out of the top 15, finishing 17th and 18th in a fast race with top quality opposition.

The senior men put two teams out at Aldersley Stadium in the Cross Country Relays. On Sunday Simon Blizzard travelled to Portsmouth for the Great South Run of 10 miles mainly along the coastline. Blizzard was not far off a course PB, finshing in 1:06:45.

Shaun Osborne, Tom Isherwood and Lorna Hulme took on Stroud Half Marathon on a relatively flat course. Osborne set a new distance PB with a 14th place finish in 01:16:06, Isherwood pulled up early on with an injury but still managed to finish in 01:30:16. Hulme crossed the line as 25th female in a time of 01:37:40.

Glassboys cup run comes to an end

Guiseley 3 Stourbridge 1

FA CUP giantkillers Stourbridge bowed out of this season's competition at the final qualification hurdle after suffering defeat in West Yorkshire.

Having already removed National League North sides Leamington and Kidderminster Harriers from this season's Cup, the Glassboys found Guiseley a step too far.

Stourbridge fell behind on 19 minutes when central defender Will Thornton was left unmarked from an Alex Purver free-kick to head home beyond the reach of goalkeeper James Wren. Stourbridge hit back to level four minutes later as Stuart Pierpoint flicked Jordaan Brown's cross towards striker Luke Benbow who, with his back to goal, unleashed an acrobatic overhead kick that flew into the net, leaving Guiseley goalie Joe Green rooted to the spot.

An absorbing contest followed with little to choose between both sides but the tie was ultimately decided on a mistake.

Stourbridge central defender Paul McCone allowed a long range punt upfield from Green to bounce in front of him, enabling former Barnsley favourite Kayode Odejayi to get goal-side and square the ball across the face of goal for substitute Lewis Walters to slot home after 76 minutes.

Before Stourbridge could recompose themselves, Guiseley grabbed a third goal four minutes later.

One-time York City player Kaine Felix was allowed to surge through the middle of the park, shaking off two defenders in the process, before firing past Wren.

Glassboys visit Kettering on Saturday in the first qualifying round of the FA Trophy.

CLASSIC GAME OF TWO HALVES

Stourbridge RFC 57 South Leicester RFC 45

THIS was a game of two halves played by two highly competitive teams in a contest that involved 15 tries and the scoreboard ticking over 27 times.

Stour had a bonus point by 17 minutes, scored a point per minute in the first half, but lost the second period by 17-38.

The final whistle blew on just 36 minutes, which was a relief to the home side given a resurgent South Leicester performance that blitzed Stour's defence six times in 23 minutes.

Although this was a generally clean game with no yellow cards, play stopped after just four minutes after Chad Thorne collected a stray boot during a tackle, leaving him with a golf ball shaped cheek and a nasty gash above his right eye. Later on, injuries to Jack Lea and Hal Riley meant some radical positional restructuring.

It took just one minute for Joe Heatley to score, but his try was too far out for the conversion.

Stourbridge took control and their second score came through Reece Beddows, converted by Rickie Aley, who scored and converted the third try. Lea followed with his sixth try of the season and Nick Cairns was next on the scoresheet, converted by Aley. Mark George was next to touch down and Aley made no mistake.

The visitors had the last say of the half as Tom Cheney scored and Ben Palmer converted.

Stour began the second half with a bang as Dan Rundle raced over and Aley converted. Joe Jones brought South Leicester back into it, Palmer converting, before Nigel Mukurati went over and Aley converted again.

At this point, Stour led by 31 points, until tries from Javiah Pohe, Palmer, Joe Lane Myles Bean and Adam Johnson. In this short passage, Palmer scored 11 points. With five minutes remaining, Aley kicked a penalty.

This week Stour travel to fifth placed Chester. The Lions, 24-10 down against Stoke, came back to win 25-24. DK beat Longton 87-12.

Dan Rundle leaves three South Leicester defenders in his wake to cross for a try

Riders end season on a high

BRIERLEY Hill-born Michael Rutter and his Black Country-based Bathams Racing team ended the 2018 National Superstock 1000 championship superbly at Brands Hatch as his team-mate Taylor Mackenzie claimed a brilliant win.

Rutter, who will also be back racing on the roads for the Macau GP in November, was able to join him on the podium after finishing third, despite missing the last two rounds.

Both riders started the 14-lap race well at the Kent track with Mackenzie grabbing an early lead and Rutter close behind in fourth. With the entire 2.43-mile Grand Prix circuit extremely slippy, the duo had dropped back to fifth and sixth respectively by half race distance but on lap 10, 2016 champion Mackenzie – whose mother hails from Coseley – retook the lead with Rutter claiming third.

The results meant Mackenzie ended the campaign seventh in the table with Rutter 13th.

Heartbreak as Sykes is forced out

STOURBRIDGE'S Richard Sykes suffered heartbreak on the Wales Rally GB event when he was forced to retire whilst heading for a top five position.

It was Sykes' second race driving the Mitsubishi Evo 9. Following a bad start to the year with three mechanical retirements in his Citroen DS3 Sykes opted to buy the four-wheel drive machine. But its engine blew up on its first event.

"We entered the Wales Rally GB event and had high hopes of a good finish with a new car and another new engine," said Skykes. "We were seeded quite low which meant we caught the car in front on the first stage even though it was only five miles long.

"Despite this we were fourth overall and only 0.6 seconds behind the new Hyundai R5 of John Wink."

The second stage was 18 miles and Sykes had targeted this as one to push very hard on to get up the leaderboard. However, it didn't go to plan.

"Once again we caught the car in front after less than five miles. He saw us and pulled over but then we caught another car and were stuck behind him for eight miles. We lost around 90 seconds.

"I was very angry at the situation and wasn't in the best frame of mind for the next stage. I set off like a bull in a china shop and I put the car off the road on a very slippery corner. The screen was damaged and we couldn't get a replacement which meant we were out."

Sykes has entered the Grizedale Stages on December 8.

Twins make their chess club debuts

STOURBRIDGE Chess Club first team were without four of their regular players including the top three boards when they faced Solihull away in division 2 of the Birmingham league.

All six boards were very close affairs Eric Horwill, Paul Sharratt and Sam Bradley all agreed early draws, but a defeat on board three and draws for Julie Wilson and Dave Scriven meant Stourbridge lost 3.5-2.5.

Stourbridge then hosted Halesowen B in division 3 of the Dudley league, with twins Tom and Tony Williams making their debuts. The match ended in a 4-0 defeat for Stourbridge.

★★★

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING
The recycled content of newspapers in 2017 was 64.6%

The Chronicle, a Midland News Association Ltd publication, printed by the company at Ketley, Telford.
Thursday, October 25, 2018

24 HOUR SERVICE
SWIFT TAXIS
HAGLEY ROAD, OLDSWINFORD
01384 95 95 95

Unbeatable Airport Prices to Birmingham Airport £33.00 Each way
MINIMUM FARE £4.00
UP TO 2 MILES
To and from the following areas.
OLDSWINFORD - STOURBRIDGE - NORTON - WOLLASTON
PENFIELDS - LYE - WOLLESCOTE - PEDMORE

We drive you fly
All drivers licensed with Dudley MBC
All account and contract work accepted
• School Runs • Nights Out • Hospital Runs
• Parcel Deliveries • Shopping • And all other services to suit
ALSO SPECIALSIING IN THE FOLLOWING AND SURROUNDING AREAS
CALEDONIA,WITHYMOOR, LAKESIDE,AMBLECOTE,STIRTON, KINVER,
ENVILLE, HAGLEY,CLINT,BELEBROUGHTON, BLAKEDOWN

Stourbridge
CHRONICLE
INSIDE: YOUR REGULAR CHRONICLE
Thursday, October 25, 2018 | Read by more than 52,000 people | Price when sold 70p

ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

Fantastic news for all home owners

COUSINS' MULTI £MILLION CLEARANCE EVENT

Their Biggest Ever
CLEARANCE EVENT

starts on Friday at 10am – offering the General Public a fantastic opportunity to save up to 70% on a massive range of furniture, carpets, beds and homewares.

Exciting new developments, plus significant investment and restructuring mean that Cousins Furniture need to clear millions of pounds worth of stock from their warehouses and showrooms with immediate effect.

For 3 Days, this Friday, Saturday & Sunday

COUSINS have been closed all week, because staff have been working around the clock handling vast quantities of incoming stock from their suppliers & warehouses, including the leading brands.

Consignments will continue to arrive daily and all price tickets have been reduced to a fraction of the normal price for this Massive Clearance Event.

FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITIES

After a long hot Summer and a year of Brexit uncertainty, it's been well documented that High Street sales are suffering.

As a result, many of Cousins' suppliers, including the leading brands, are simply overstocked.

This has allowed Cousins to bulk purchase enormous volumes of stock and negotiate fantastic short-term discounts from many of their suppliers. They're now able to offer the buying public a phenomenal opportunity to purchase quality furniture at unbelievable discounted prices.

Coupled with the unknown impact of the impending Brexit deal or no deal and whether this will lead to unprecedented price increases on the High Street, there's never been a better time to buy.

These tremendous deals apply to both stock and special orders.

FANTASTIC STOCK DEALS

Furthermore, as a member of the prestigious "Associated Independent Stores" Buying Group, Cousins have used their combined purchasing power to obtain some fantastic stock deals on accessories, homewares and carpets.

LEADING BRANDS

In store, Cousins are continuing to enhance the overall customer experience with the introduction of new Brand Galleries, including market leading upholstery manufacturers Collins and Hayes.

"Our customers are investing in both quality and brand assurance. People are becoming more adventurous in the styles that they're purchasing" said John Shotton, Managing Director.

EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS

With this in mind, Cousins will be introducing many new Collections for 2019, including an on-trend Urban Living department plus a comprehensive Ergo Comfort Gallery.

Based on public demand, they've worked closely with some innovative designers to develop ranges of furniture that will offer unprecedented comfort and support, including adjustable lumbar-supports and headrests, plus the use of pressure relieving memory foam.

Urban Living has evolved from today's Instagram driven society, with the need to make a bold interior statement using designer styling, pops of colour plus that cutting-edge accessory.

Whether it's Scandi chic, mid-century modernity or retro deep-buttoning Cousins will have it.

CONTINUED SUCCESS & EXPANSION

Cousins are also further extending their unique "Bespoke Upholstery" departments, which enable consumers to solve any seating dilemma they may have.

Whether it's design, dimensions, comfort levels or fabric covering, a customer can design a sofa, chair or corner group to exactly match their needs.

This is a service that isn't generally available on the High Street and certainly meets a significant demand.

WAREHOUSE RESTRUCTURING

Both online and offline, Cousins' will be continuing to improve the shopping experience.

The recent opening of a new fully responsive website, has resulted in a significant uplift in sales, together with increased consumer demand for immediate delivery, meaning that they need much more storage capacity in their warehouses.

So, a comprehensive restructuring programme of both their facilities and systems is about to commence.

STOCK ARRIVING DAILY – EVERYTHING MUST GO

This tremendous pressure for space, with the need to clear stock from suppliers and their warehouses plus the need to create space in-store mean that consignments will continue to arrive daily, and be marked down to prices for immediate Clearance and delivery.

"We need to clear this stock as soon as possible with everything available for immediate delivery. It really is a case of everything must go" said John Shotton.

"We are delighted to offer our customers more choice than ever before.

These are some of the biggest saving we have ever offered and expect people to take full advantage".

MADE TO ORDER

Cousins have even dramatically reduced all made to order items, so you can choose exactly what size or colours suit your home. Their expert team of sales people will be on hand to ensure you make the right decision at the best price.

"We are expecting this to be our busiest event of the year from the minute the doors open. With many one-off bargains and unrepeatable deals it really will be a case of first come first served" said John Shotton, Managing Director.

DOORS OPEN FRIDAY 10am SHARP!

COUSINS FURNITURE, CARP

MULTI £MILLION C

THIS FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY - EVE

ORDER NOW FOR CHRISTMAS DELIVERY

EVERYTHING REDUCED!

Doors open 10am Friday, be early for the best buys, there are many never to be repeated ONE OFF bargains. If you are seriously thinking of buying any item of furniture, carpets, beds or home accessories at the lowest possible prices then you must visit Cousins this Friday, Saturday or Sunday!

THERE WILL ALSO BE BIG DISCOUNTS OFF ALL SPECIAL MADE TO ORDER ITEMS!

LIVING ROOM:

GPLAN - NEWTON 3 seater sofa + power chair	~~£3304~~ £995
NATUZZI EDITIONS - JENA Modern leather swivel chair	~~£1129~~ £467
STRESSLESS - EX DISPLAY STOCK Leather swivel recliners & sofas	SAVE AT LEAST 60%
PARKER KNOLL - BURGHLEY Large 2 seater sofa and chair	~~£2999~~ £1284
BUOYANT - STARCK 2 seater sofa and storage footstool	~~£1129~~ £372
DURESTA - HOLMES 2 seater sofa and matching chair	~~£6309~~ £1649
FOOTSTOOLS Assorted designs, finishes and colours	FROM £39

BEDROOM:

WILLIS AND GAMBIER Ivory painted 2 door wardrobe	~~£1449~~ £678
BAKER - COTSWOLD Rustic 6 drawer tall chest	~~£379~~ £146
NOLTE - EX DISPLAYS Contemporary bedrooms	SAVE 60%

BEDS:

MYERS - KELMSCOTT King size 2 drawer divan	~~£699~~ £333
OSLO Fabric double bedstead	~~£529~~ £198
WHITE LABEL MATTRESSES Limted stocks	FROM £99

SAVE UP TO 70% - Furnish your home at phenomenally low prices - large stocks available for immediate delivery.

LEADING BRAND NAMES ALL REDUCED, EVERY SINGLE STOCK ITEM MUST GO!

BE EARLY FOR THE BEST BARGAINS! ALL STOCK MUST BE CLEARED - SOME AT COST OR EVEN LESS!

PETS, BEDS & HOMEWARES
CLEARANCE EVENT
RYTHING REDUCED, EVERYTHING MUST GO

CLEARANCE OPENING TIMES:
Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 9.30am - 6pm
Sun 11am - 5pm

SAVE UP TO 70%

Birmingham Warwick Road, Tyseley B11 2EW
T: 0121 765 3300
Dudley Hall Street, DY2 8NW
T: 01384 451500

DINING ROOM:

ERCOL - ROMANA Oak coffee table	~~£819~~	£296
DINING CHAIRS TO CLEAR Assorted styles and finishes	FROM	£10
LATINA - WHITE High gloss extending table and 6 chairs	~~£1499~~	£648
WILLIS AND GAMBIER Reclaimed timber 3 drawer/1 door sideboard	~~£899~~	£365
HALO - ALSTI Oak nest of tables	~~£379~~	£144
TUCSON Marble and chrome dining table & 6 chairs	~~£1999~~	£772
ALFRANK High gloss with marble 4 door sideboard	~~£1299~~	£488

FLOORING:

AXMINSTER Glenavy 100% wool carpet	~~£79m²~~	£38m²
COLUMBIA TWIST Stain resistant carpet. Good selection of colours	~~£12m²~~	£5.85m²
RUGS TO CLEAR Assorted designs, sizes and colours	FROM	£29

HOMEWARES:

DENBY - DINNER SETS - WHILE STOCKS LAST! All existing stock must be cleared	SAVE	60%
SCATTER CUSHIONS Assorted designs and colours	FROM	£4
JOSEPH JOSEPH Kitchenware stock must be cleared!	SAVE	35%

Birmingham | Dudley | Manchester
cousinsfurniture.co.uk

Cousins

THERE WILL ALSO BE BIG DISCOUNTS OFF ALL SPECIAL MADE TO ORDER ITEMS!

THIS FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

EVERYTHING REDUCED!

MULTI £MILLION CLEARANCE EVENT

EVERYTHING MUST GO!

THERE ARE ALSO MASSIVE DISCOUNTS
ON ALL MADE TO ORDER ITEMS

We can't be beaten for choice

Cousins

Birmingham | Dudley | Manchester
cousinsfurniture.co.uk

Offer not available on web specials or in-store concessions. Certain items shown are one only and subject to availability. *See website for Price Promise details.